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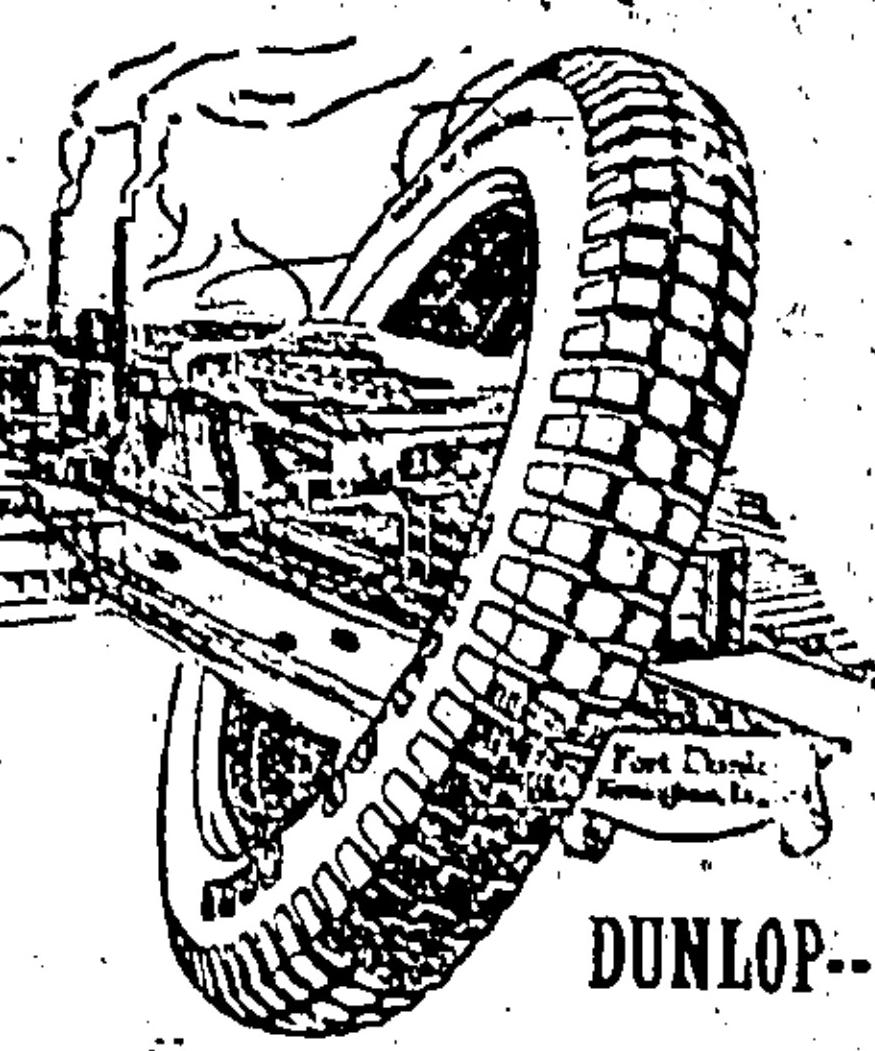
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MARTIAL LAW AT SHOLAPUR.

CIVIL AUTHORITIES WITHDRAW.

SUDDEN END TO SWARAJIST COCKSURENESS.

CURFEW ENFORCED.

Sholapur, May 13. Failing to restore normal conditions, the civil authorities at Sholapur have handed over control of the city to the military, the cocksureness of the Swarajists, who believed that local Government had ended, being promptly dissipated by the proclamation of martial law. Curfew is now in force, the carrying of weapons and Congress flags is prohibited and not more than four people may assemble in any one place.

Bombay, May 13. The cocksureness of Swarajists in Sholapur prior to the arrival of the military proclamation of martial law is described in a manifesto by Nationalist leaders, pointing to the abandoned European bungalows, the empty Police Stations, the absence of the well known policemen from the streets, the ruins of the District Magistrate's Court with its valuable records destroyed and the presence of "Congress police-men" at the street corners regulating traffic as "symbolic of the destruction of British authority."

The frequent military parades in the streets are contemptuously described as "a spasmodic display of force by a dying regime."

Military Take Over.

When the military pickets in the heart of the city were entirely withdrawn yesterday afternoon and when the Civil Commissioner departed hurriedly, the Nationalist leaders thought the end had come. In point of fact, the latter development indicated the decision of the civil authorities to hand over the city to military control, their attempts, even with military aid, to restore normal conditions having failed.

They found it impossible to induce unarmed police to resume their duties because the police were unnerved by the fate of their two comrades who were burnt alive by a mob on May 8, while public offices are all deserted and the mills closed.—Reuter.

Curfew Enforced.

Sholapur, May 13. Curfew is being enforced as from to-day. The carrying of lathis (cudgels), lethal weapons and Congress flares is prohibited and not more than four persons may assemble in one place.—Reuter.

Calcutta Raids.

Calcutta, May 13. Eighty arrests have been made here in raids on the headquarters of the Bengal Presidency Congress Committee volunteers, and their branch camp, on a warrant for alleged dacoity, murder and rioting at Chittagong.

The Government has "proclaimed" three civil disobedience organisations in the Midnapore district.—Reuter.

Martial Law at Sholapur.

Sholapur, May 13. Martial law has been proclaimed here.—Reuter.

Imperial in Imperio.

Sholapur, later. The leaders of the populace have established a sort of imperium in imperio, issuing new traffic regulations and generally attempting to take over control of the city.

Various leaders have assumed the dignity of petty magistrates.—Reuter.

Effective Military Control.

Later. Immediately after the solemn proclamation of martial law, the mill—(Continued on Page 8.)

THE LADIES' GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

LEADING U.S.A. QUARTETTE STILL FIGHTING.

BRITISH CONFIDENCE.

London, May 13. While Britain has nothing to equal the smashing golf of the American player, Miss Helen Fleks, (known as "Hardhitting Helen") who defeated her English opponents in the second and third rounds of the Ladies' Golf Championship at Formby by the very comfortable margin of seven and five, the bulk of British confidence is supplied by the British players, Miss Molly Gourlay, Miss Diana Fishwick and Miss Enid Wilson.

These three have a backing of more experienced players like Mrs. McNair, Mrs. Percy Garon and Mrs. Guedella, all of whom to-day entered the fourth round of the competition.

Miss Fishwick outclassed one of the strongest American players, Miss Wattles, to win in the second round by seven and five.

The leading American quartette remains, however, together with Miss Quier and Mrs. Federman.

The crisis of the battle will be reached in the fourth round to-morrow morning when Miss Collett will meet Miss Molly Gourlay.

Results of the third round are as follows:

Miss Collett (America) beat Miss Mary Beard (Dorset) four and two.

Miss Molly Gourlay (Britain) beat Mrs. Williamson (Murrayfield) four and three.

Miss Virginia Van Wie (America) beat Miss Juta (South Africa) five and four.—Reuter.

BRITISH TRADE WITH RUSSIA.

INCREASES IN IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

London, May 13. In the House of Commons, Mr. William Graham, President of the Board of Trade, stated that the total declared value of merchandise imported into this country and registered as consigned from the Soviet Union during the first three months of 1929 amounted to £1,166,000, compared with £4,812,000 during the corresponding period of 1930.

Exports, including re-exports, from this country, registered as consigned to the Soviet Union, during the former period amounted to £1,168,000 and during the latter period to £1,175,400.—British Wireless.

GOVERNMENT DEFEAT IN LORDS.

AMENDMENT TO THE COAL MINE BILL.

London, May 13. The Government was defeated in the House of Lords to-day on the Committee Stage of the Government Coal Mines Bill, which has already passed the Commons.

An amendment was moved by Lord Dudley providing that the quota for each district should not be less than the home consumption of that district. The amendment was carried by 134 vote to 38.—Reuter.

BIG FIRE AT GOLF BALL WORKS.

BUILDING DESTROYED AT THE SPALDING FACTORY.

Chicago (Mass.), May 13. Three firemen were injured and damage to the extent of fifty thousand dollars caused at a fire which destroyed a building containing thousands of gallons of naptha and acetone at the golf ball factory of A. G. Spalding Brothers.—Reuter's American Service.

MINISTER TO KABUL.

London, May 13. Mr. R. E. Maconachie, the new British Minister to Afghanistan reached Kabul on Sunday.—British Wireless.

LOCAL INSURANCE MEETING.

CHINA UNDERWRITERS PROSPECTS.

LIFE DEPARTMENT DOING GOOD BUSINESS.

EXCHANGE FACTORS.

Presiding at the annual shareholders' meeting of China Underwriters, Ltd., to-day, Mr. R. G. Shawen stated that in the Life Department, from which the Company's principal development is expected, premiums received showed an increase of \$176,897 last year, compared with the previous twelve months. This was largely due to the effect of converting gold premiums to Hongkong dollars at the low rate of exchange prevailing.

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Miss Johnson hopes to take off again to-morrow.—Reuter.

GIRL FLYER IN ACCIDENT.

SLIGHT DAMAGE TO MISS JOHNSON'S PLANE.

REMARKABLE FLIGHT.

Rangoon, May 13. Miss Amy Johnson, the twenty-two year old English girl who is now engaged on a flight from Croydon to Australia in a "Moth" aeroplane, made a forced landing at Insein, fifteen miles from Rangoon. Miss John was not hurt, but her machine was slightly damaged.

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Remarkable Flight.

London, May 13. Miss Johnson left Calcutta at seven o'clock this morning for Rangoon on a further stage of her attempted solo flight to Australia. She reached Rangoon before night-fall.

This was the ninth day of Miss Johnson's flight and the most perilous since she left Croydon. Her direct route to Rangoon re-

BRITISH TROOPS IN CHINA.

Additional Forces Cost Quarter of a Million.

ESTABLISHMENT FIGURES.

London, May 13.

Replies to a question in the House of Commons to-day, the Rt. Hon. Mr. T. Shaw, Secretary of State to the War Office, said the establishment of British troops in China was approximately 365 officers and 7,000 other ranks. He added that the figures included British, Indians and Colonial, which form the normal establishment and the additional British troops temporarily serving.

The approximate annual extra cost of the additional troops was £270,000. There was no immediate intention to increase the complement. The figures included the garrison at Hongkong.—Reuter.

presented a distance of 600 miles and involved a sea crossing of nearly two hundred miles. This is described as the "danger route".

The alternative route, which she declined to take, is along the coastline before turning inland and is about 100 miles longer. She flew over huge stretches of jungle with no possibility of receiving aid if her machine had to come down. An Overseas storm was raging which might have meant disaster.

Claims stand at \$87,978 and at last year's rate of exchange this would have shown only a very small increase over last year's very satisfactory claim rate, notwithstanding the exchange increase in the business.

The total income exceeded all outgoings by \$168,463.

Conversion Effect.

The balance of the Life Establishment Account stood last year at \$110,728, but this is reduced to \$66,887 when the gold portion of the Establishment Account is converted at the new rate. On this occasion the outstanding instalments of the current year's premiums, less cost of collection, are included in the Revenue Account, so that the net result of the year's working has been to write off the whole of the Establishment Account and to set up a Life Assurance Fund of \$101,575.

This is, of course, a much more satisfactory result than could have been expected and is due to the extent of about \$70,000 to exchange and to the extent of \$88,654 to the inclusion of outstanding instalments of the current year's premiums, less cost of collection.

INTERPORT CRICKET.

SHANGHAI TEAM DESCRIBED AS FAIRLY STRONG.

Shanghai, May 14. Play in the Interport cricket match between Shanghai and Hongkong will start on Monday. The team which has been chosen by the Interport Cricket Selection Committee is considered in Shanghai sporting circles to be a fairly strong one.—Our Own Correspondent.

RAIN INTERRUPTS CRICKET.

BOWLERS TAKE ALL THE HONOURS.

MERCER CAPTURES FOURTEEN WORCESTER WICKETS.

VERY LOW SCORING.

London, May 13. Intermittent rain during the past few days seriously interfered with the progress of the County cricket matches, the result being that none of the matches were taken to a full result. There were no notable batting performances anywhere, scores generally being on the very low side. When play was possible the wickets suited the bowlers and some fairly good averages were returned.

London, May 13. The man searched their victim who was carrying a sum of \$3,000 in notes and a small amount of silver. After relieving him of his money, the three men ordered the motor car driver to take them back to Laichikok, where they alighted and disappeared.

The vicinity of the robbery is given as being above the Kau Pa Kang village.

CANADIAN TARIFF CHANGES.

EFFECT ON TRADE WITH BRITAIN.

London, May 13.

In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. William Graham, President of the Board of Trade, replying to questions, said the Government had learned with great interest of the tariff changes recently introduced by the Canadian Government.

These changes were proposed without any request for a reciprocal attitude on the part of the British Government. They had a clear effect on most of the tariffs already in force and represented an important change of rates under the preferential tariff on a large range of goods and an increased measure of preference, but, so far as he could judge from the information available, the reduction of duties mainly concerned goods which were not imported to any great extent from Empire countries other than Britain.—British Wireless.

Worcester v. Glamorgan.

Worcestershire beat Glamorgan on the first innings at Worcester. Batting first, Worcester batted first and compiled a total of 159, Astill taking six wickets for 35 runs. Leicester batted strongly when they went in and put 269 on the board before their last wicket fell. Newman was most successful among the Hampshire bowlers, taking four wickets for 42.

Going again, Hampshire made 126 for the loss of six wickets, Geary taking four wickets for 38 runs.

Worcester v. Glamorgan.

Worcestershire beat Glamorgan on the first innings at Worcester. Batting first, Worcester made a total of 229, Mercer taking six wickets for 64 runs. When Glamorgan went in they were rapidly skittled out, their total being 89. Root took five of the wickets for 42 runs.

Middlesex v. Derby.

Rain prevented play to-day at Lord's and the match between Middlesex and Derby was drawn.

Derby gave a poor batting display, being dismissed for 172. The greatest havoc was caused among the batsmen by Robins who took six wickets for 73 runs. Middlesex made 44 without losing a wicket, there being no further play after this.

At the Oval, Surrey and Northamptonshire drew.

It was no play throughout the three days.

Lancs v. Gloucester.

At Manchester, Lancashire won on the first innings against Gloucestershire.

Gloucestershire batted first and were dismissed for 116, R. Tyldesley taking four wickets for 30 runs. Lancashire did little better and only got three more runs than their opponents, their first innings' total being 118. Goddard, the Gloucestershire bowler, took seven wickets for 60 runs. When Gloucester went in again they made 80 for the loss of seven wickets, there being no further play.—Reuter.

To-day's Matches.

The following matches are to start to-day:

Lords—Middlesex v. Worcester.

Derby—Derbyshire v. Sussex.

East—Somerset v. Kent.

Swans—Glamorgan v. Surrey.

Southampton—Hampshire v. Warwickshire.

Cambridge—Cambridge University v. Yorkshire.

Oxford—Oxford University v. Leicestershire.

Manchester—Lancashire v. Australians.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY ON MAINLAND.



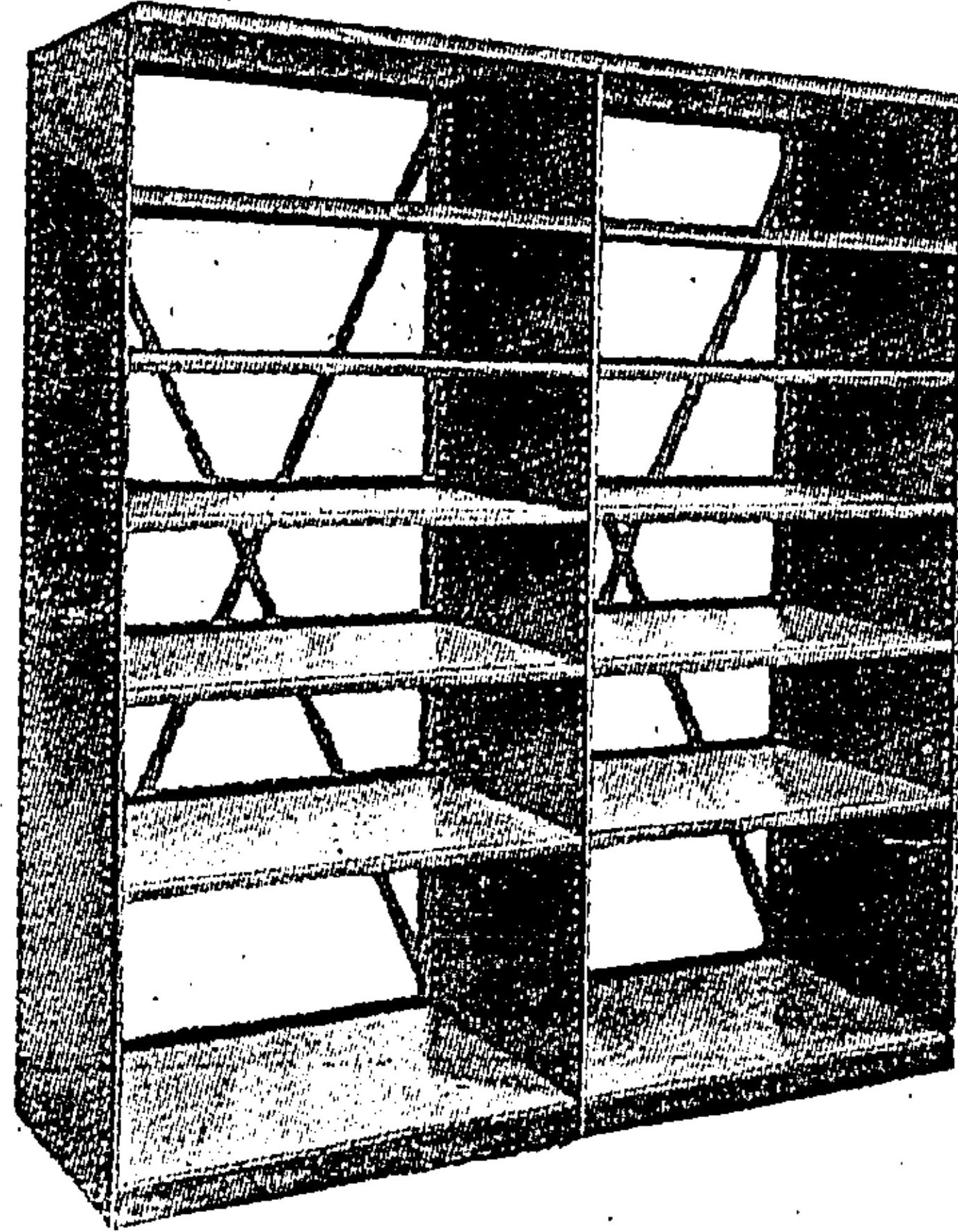
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DEFENCE DESCRIBES CASE AS EXTRAORDINARY.

After a long trial, extending over nearly two months, the case in which three persons, two men and a woman, were charged with being concerned in the sale of a girl, was concluded before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistrate yesterday afternoon.

In convicting the defendants, Mr. Whyte Smith said that he found it very hard to believe that the first defendant (represented by Mr. Arthur Covey) was much better than a common kidnapper. Mr. Covey relied entirely, for his defence, on the actions of a man named Man Chang and also to a certain extent on the actions of Li Sau-ku, the girl's sister. With regard to the man, Man Chang his Worship's opinion was that he was either a fictitious person or else was actually the person who had kidnapped the girl.

Continuing, his Worship said that the girl stated that a man had spoken to her in the street and asked her to go for a walk. He thought that it was possible that that man was Man Chang, who was suggested by the first defendant's solicitor to have been the paramour of Li Sau-ku and possibly the father of the girl.

Suggestion Not Supported.

Now, proceeded the Magistrate, there was not a jot or tittle of evidence to support that suggestion and he had to say he was rather surprised that it had been made. But even if Man Chang was actually that person and was one of the principal people in the transfer of the girl, the first defendant had absolutely failed to show that he had any reason to believe that he was entitled to take part in the transaction, even if it was a transaction for the adoption according to Chinese customs. His Worship, however, described the question of adoption as being ludicrous.

Even on the first defendant's evidence, Li San-ku, according to him might be the mother of the girl but she was ignorant of the name of the adopter and also of the whereabouts of the girl. The first defendant had failed to show why he had been concerned in the transaction at all, it having taken place at his house.

Continuing, the Magistrate said that he did not have the slightest reason to doubt that Li Sau-ku had reported the matter to the Police at the earliest possible moment or at least within a very reasonable time. If her actions, as suggested by the first defendant, or by his solicitor, were actuated by an elaborate scheme for "flying the white pigeon," after having secured the child after having secured the price, he must say that he thought that scheme was about the most clumsy that one could imagine. He would say it was incredibly clumsy. He did not believe the first defendant's evidence. He had called as witnesses his wife and his employer, neither of whose evidence did he believe. He had also called a constable who had no relevant evidence to offer.

An Extraordinary Case.

Having held that the transaction was not an adoption, according to Chinese custom, his Worship said it followed that the second and third defendants must be convicted also. He regarded their offence as less serious. The second defendant was the go-between and obviously had nothing to do with the original kidnapping, but, it had to be remembered, that if there were no go-betweens there would be fewer kidnappers.

Mr. Covey intimated that there was no evidence of kidnapping.

His Worship replied that he did not say that there had been. What he said was that the second defendant was more remote from kidnapping than the first defendant.

Mr. Covey described the case as the most extraordinary one he had

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The above is an extract from the will of Sung Yu-nam, alias Sung Lan-cheung, formerly of No. 19, Bonham Strand West, who died at Lam-Shu Chung Village, Fa Yuen District, Kwangtung, on November 14, 1928, leaving Hongkong estate to the value of \$37,800.

Probate has been granted to Sung Young-shi (widow) daughter-in-law, Sung Pui-choi, second son, and Sung King-choi, third son, the executrix and executors named in the will, all of whom are living at the Bonham Strand address.

At the beginning of his will, testator states: "I left home for abroad while young and toiled throughout my life. With beneficence extended to me by my forefathers I could only afford to build up such a family and create such a small estate. Both in the country and in Hongkong I am possessed of some insignificant properties. On account of my crabb'd age and frequent illness I cannot foretell when I will meet my end. In the event of my death all the property left by me during my lifetime shall be dealt with in accordance with the Law Code of the Tai Tsing Dynasty of China."

been concerned in and said it must be one of the most extraordinary ones that his Worship had had before him. Unfortunately the first defendant had no money to appeal, but if he had he (Mr. Covey) would certainly appeal in a case like that.

With regard to the third defendant (represented by Mr. C. E. L. Grist), his Worship said that he held that he had tried to buy a *mini-tao* and he did in fact buy a *mini-sai*. He supposed the defendant thought, by getting the red paper, he would get over the legal obstacles, but he did not even pretend to have been in touch with the girl's parents.

Mr. Grist pointed out that the defendant had been told that the girl's parents were dead.

His Worship replied that he would know that she had guardians.

To Defendants' Credit.

Continuing, his Worship said that with regard to the third defendant he would put it to his credit that he had produced the girl. It was not like one of those terrible cases where the child could not be found. He would put it to the credit of the first defendant that he had reported to the police when he heard that there was some trouble. The Magistrate rather imagined that the first defendant considered he had safeguarded himself against legal consequences, but he did think that his reporting the matter to the police rather took him out of the category of being a kidnapper or one closely associated with kidnappers.

His Worship remarked that the maximum penalty of twelve months' hard labour and 24 strokes of the birch would have been imposed but for that fact, but as it was he sentenced the defendant to four months' hard-labour and fined each of the other two defendants \$300 or two months' hard labour in default.

Mr. Covey asked his Worship to take into consideration the fact that the defendant had been in prison for nearly two months but his Worship replied that in passing sentence he had already taken that into account.

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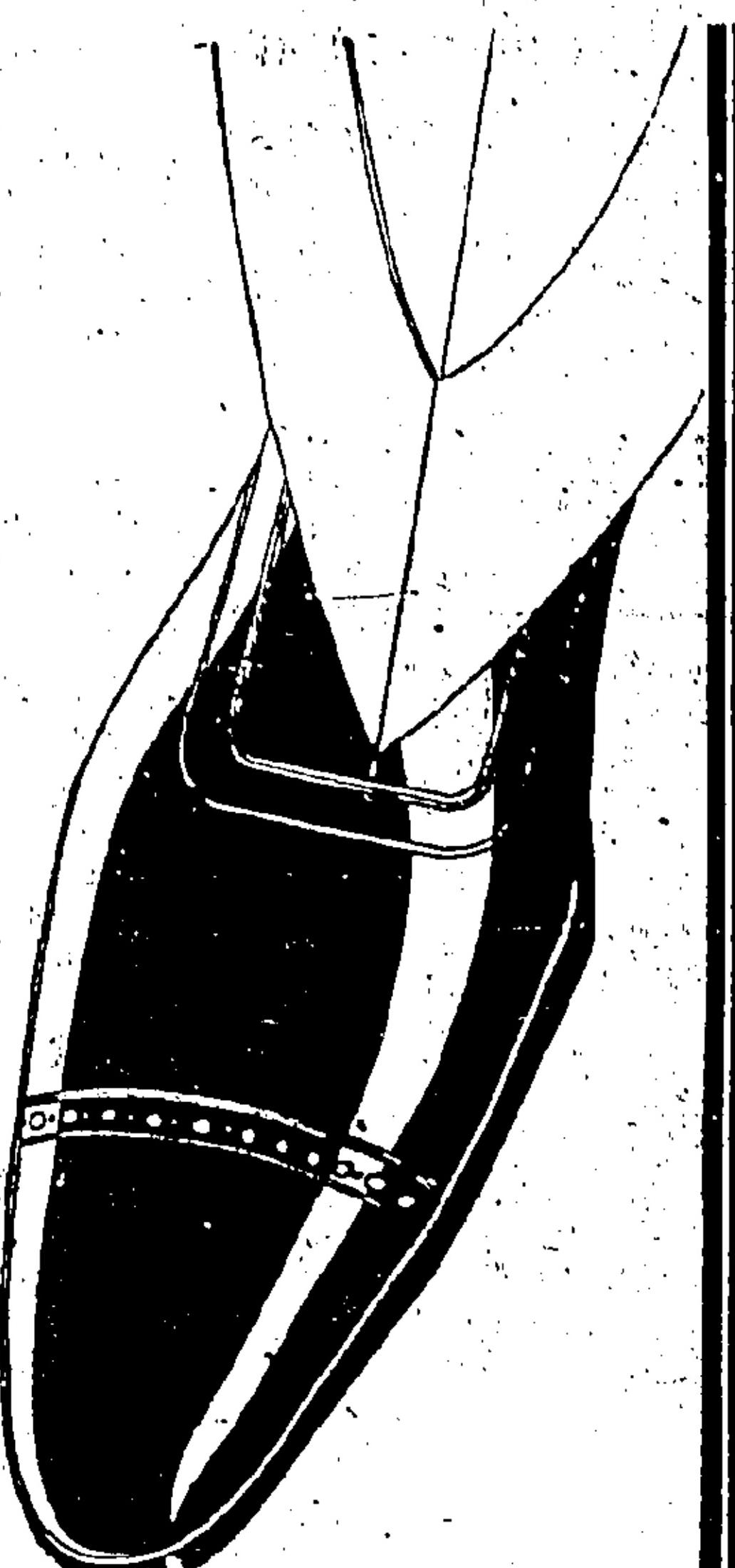
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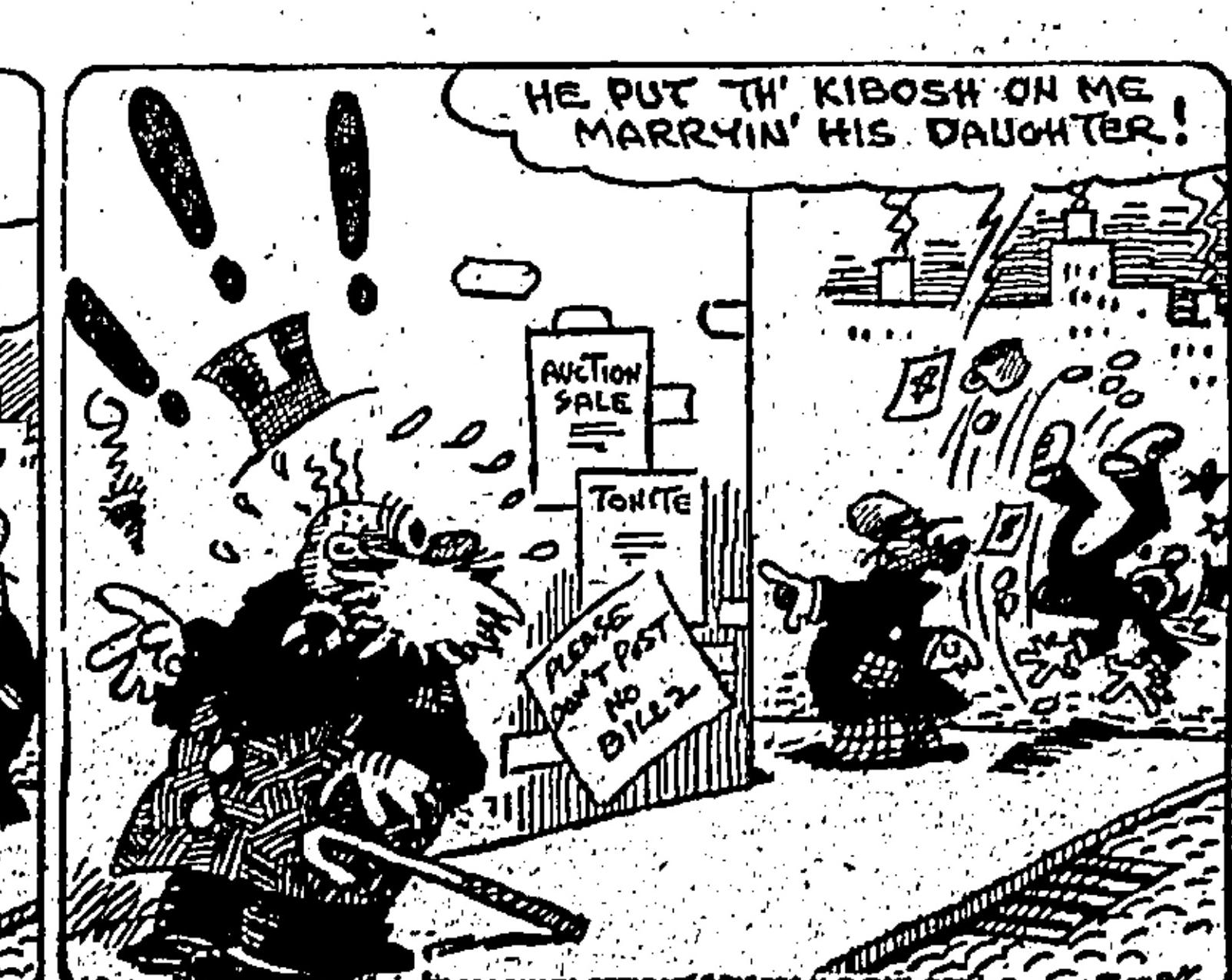
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When Woodfield Harold Argles, aged 31, a secretary of Linden Avenue, Kensal Rise, N.W., pleaded guilty at Marlborough-street to driving a motor-car in a dangerous manner, it was stated that he collided with a cab on a rank, imposed a fine of £5 and £3 costs. He was blind in his right eye. As and disqualified Argles from holding a licence for two years. "The symptoms which the police do not think any person who has found, they had withdrawn a lost an eye should have a licence," said Mr. Mead.

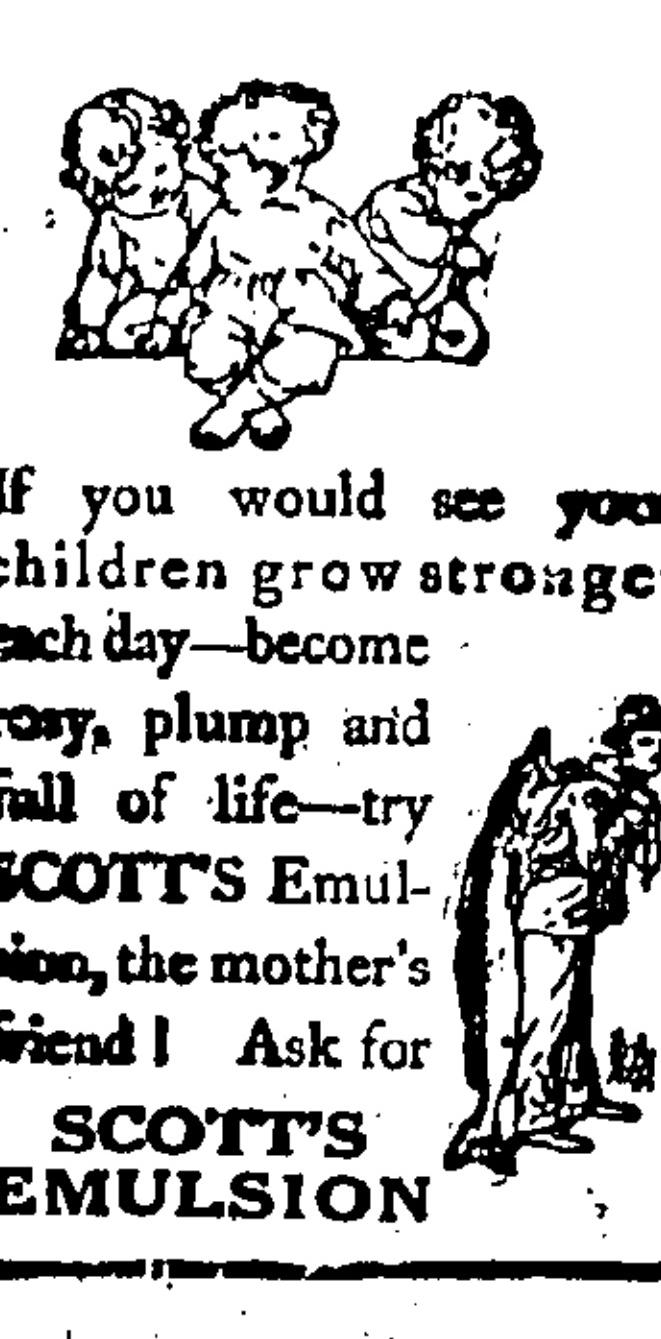
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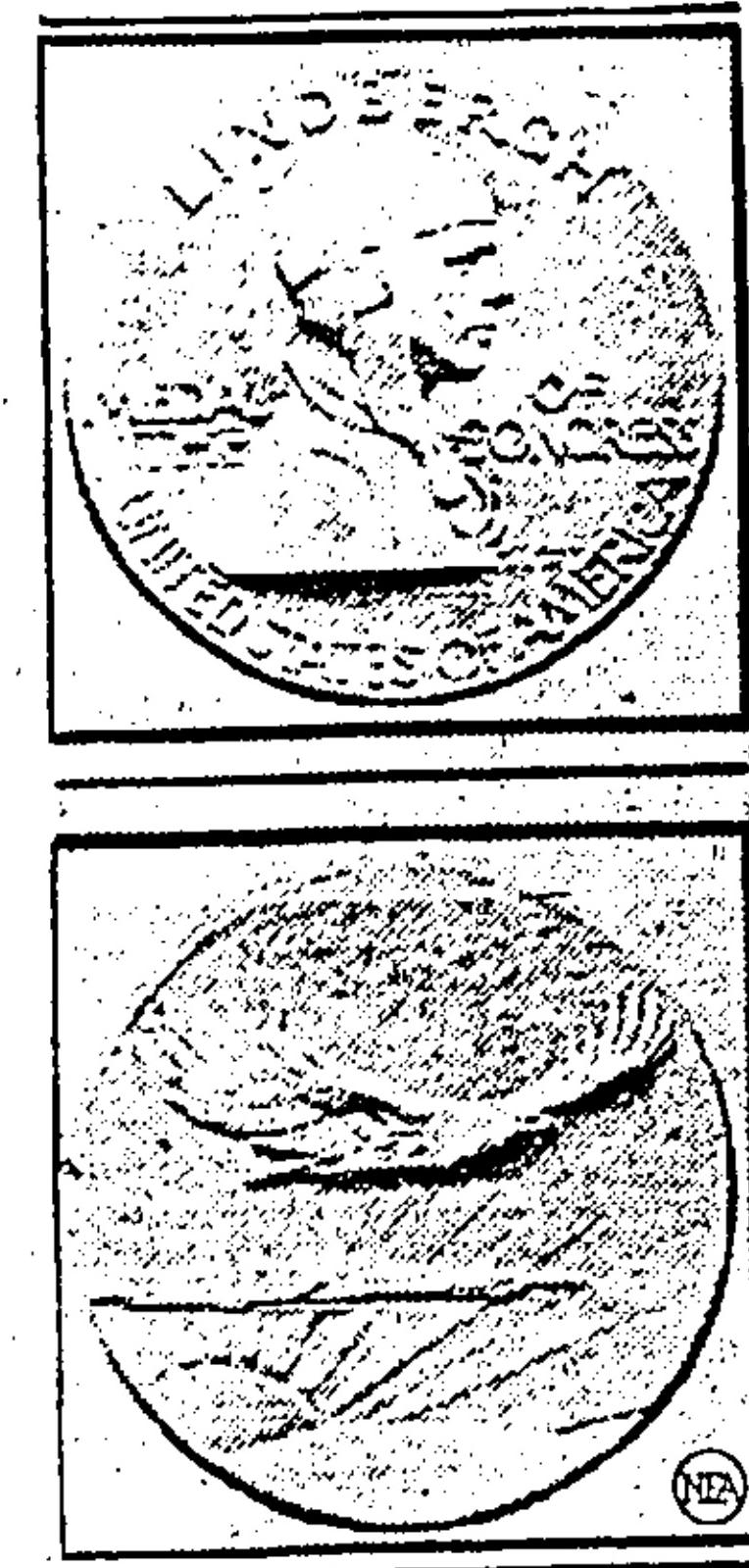


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Mr. E. C. Drury, former Premier of Canada, and Mr. J. J. Lent who gave important evidence recently on prohibition.



The design for the medal which Congress has voted for presentation to the famous airman Col. Lindbergh.



Here are the first pictures of Indian fighters of 1930, in the wilds of northern Mexico, just south of Douglas, Ariz. At the left is Moroni Finn, expedition leader, whose horse was shot from under him, and at the right are three of its members, Juan Vasquez, Castellanos Peralta and Lee M. Finn, son of Moroni Finn. The latter led five cowboy companions who trailed a band of Apache Indian cattle rustlers to their mountain fastness where a battle ensued and five of the Indians were killed.



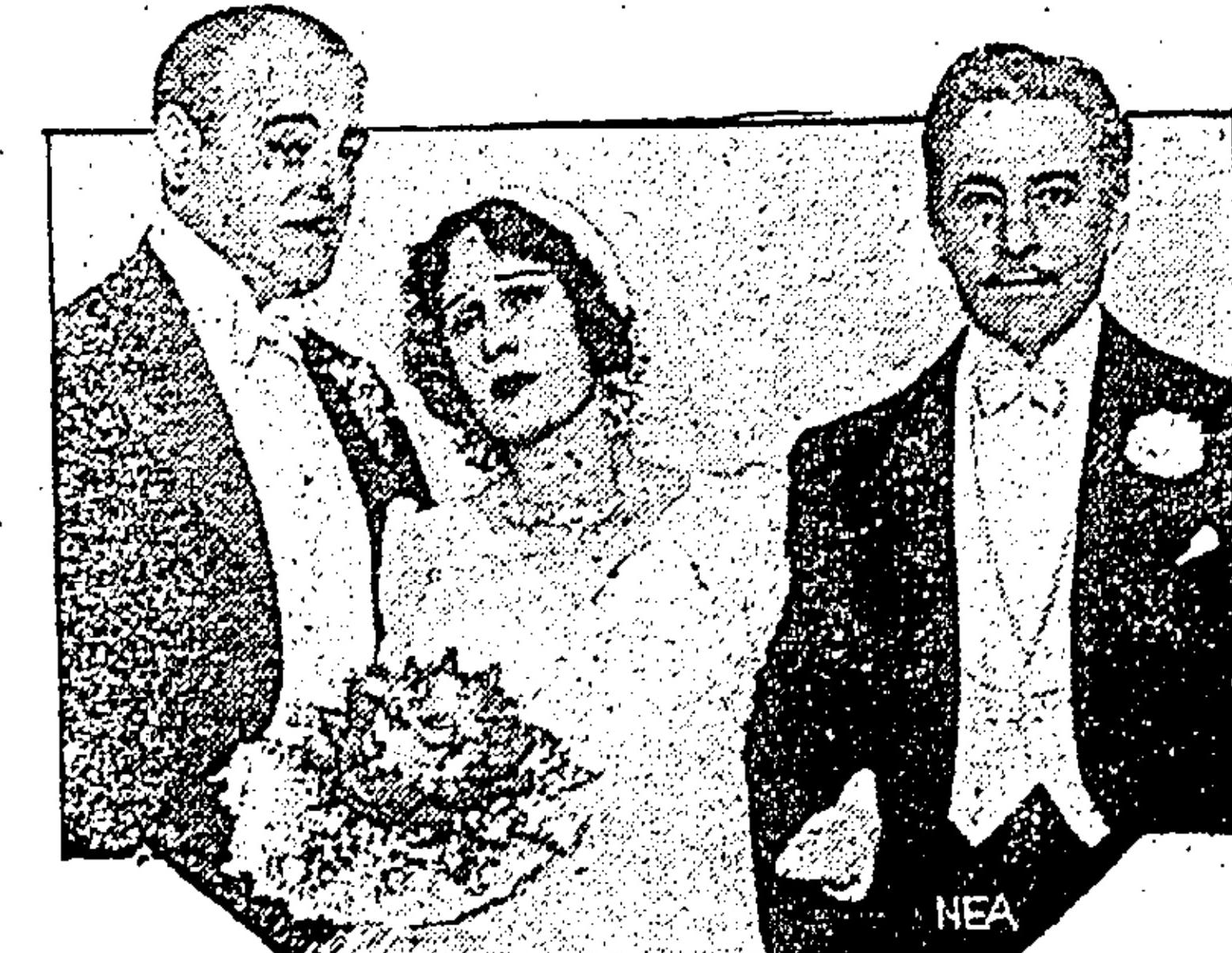
R. N. Chawla, right, and his assistant pilot, left, won a \$250 prize offered by Aga Khan for the first Indian aviators to traverse the Indian air route within eighteen days.



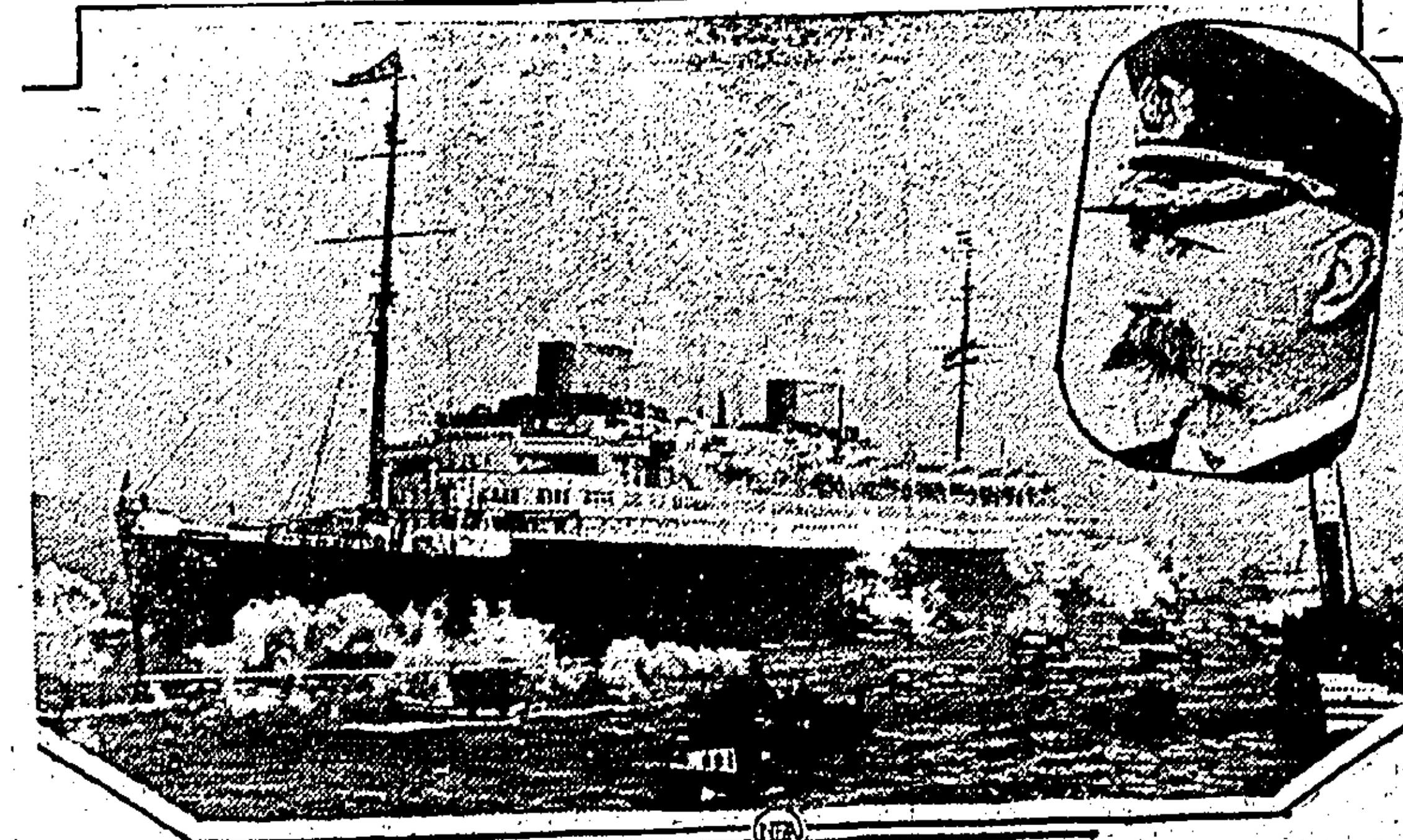
Admiral Richard Byrd, commander of America's intrepid exploration party in Antarctic regions, receiving the first plaudits of an admiring world at Dunedin, New Zealand, the first point in civilization reached by the flagship City of New York. Byrd is shown in the center, with a bouquet just presented to him. Left is Mayor Black of Dunedin. This picture was carried from New Zealand to Byrd's flagship, rushed to New York by special plane and telephoned to San Francisco.



And this first picture shows the intrepid airman who conquered two poles, as his flagship, City of New York, arrived at Dunedin, New Zealand, after 15 months in Antarctic wastes. Byrd, wearing hip boots, a brown sweater and wool cap, is shown holding his mascot terrier.

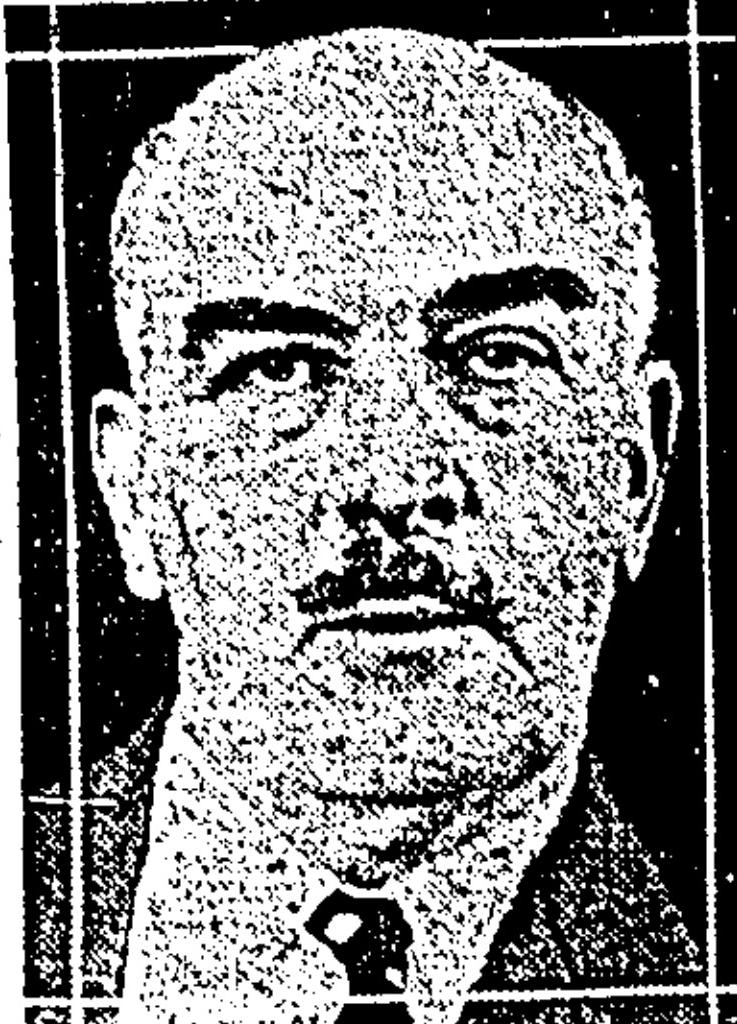


In one of the most elaborate weddings in Hollywood's history of colourful ceremonies, Helene Costello and Lowell Sherman, film stars, were married, with John Barrymore, brother-in-law of Miss Costello, giving the bride away. Left to right, are Sherman, Miss Costello and Barrymore.



Another picture of the North German Lloyd liner Europa, which churned through heavy swells and strong headwinds on her maiden voyage across the Atlantic to New York, and yet established a new record. The Europa is captained by Commodore Nicolaus Johnsen, upper right, senior skipper of the North German Lloyd line.

For Prohi Job



Prominently mentioned among those who may succeed Dr. J. M. Doran as U.S. prohibition commissioner, when he retires soon, are Major Maurice Campbell, above, and Harry Anslinger, below.



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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB:

NOTICE.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Sixth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 7th June and on Monday, 9th June, 1930 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club, and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries close at 12 o'clock noon on Thursday, 29th May, 1930.

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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers, Hongkong, 10th May, 1930.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Forty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 16th May 1930, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1929.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 2nd to the 16th May 1930, both days inclusive.

ARDINE-MATHESON & CO., LTD. General Agents, Hongkong, 25th April, 1930.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Fifth Extra Race Meeting will be held weather permitting at Happy Valley on Saturday, 17th May, 1930 commencing at 2.30 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

Members are notified that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5 for Gentlemen and \$2 for Ladies, are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all chits, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

Members can obtain, upon application to the Secretary badges (limited to two) for the free admission to the Members' Enclosure of wives, lady relatives and friends.

Names must be stated when applying.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Race Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1 for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted at half price.

Bookmakers, Tie Tacmen, &c. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

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1	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 1375.	Adjoining New Kowloon Island Lot No. 1376, Kowloon Street, Kowloon.	1,860	\$18	\$1,860

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NOTICE.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SALE by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 19th day of May, 1930, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

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SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong, \$140 ss.
Chartered Bank, £17 1/2 n.
Mercantile A. & B., £30 1/2 n.
East Asia \$114 b.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$900 b.
Union Ins., \$470 b.
North China, Ins., Tls. 160 b
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Underwriters, \$1.60 b
China Fires, \$355 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$907 1/2 b.

Shipping.

Douglas, \$223 n.
H. K. Steam, \$251 b
Indo-China, (D.M.) \$43 n.
Union Waterboats \$31 b.

Mining.

Bonquets, \$6.90 b
Kailan, 41 3/4 n.
Langkawi, Tls. 13.10 n.
Shanghai Exploration, Tls. 1.30 n.
Raubs, \$21 1/2 s.
Tronchis, 21 1/2 n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$174 ss.
Whampoa Docks, \$384 b.
China Provident, \$505 b.
Hongkew, Tls 260 b
New Engineering, Tls. 8 b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 135 b

Cottons.

Two Cottons, Tls. 13.80 b.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 80 (old) b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$13 20 s.
H. K. Lands, \$80 s.
Shai Lands Tls. 270 b
Humphreys, \$14.90 b
Realties, \$11 19 ss.
Chinese Estates \$98 s.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$20 80 s.
Peak Trams (old) \$12 25 n.
Star Ferries, \$82 b.
China Lights, (Old) \$28 1/2 b.
H. K. Electrics, \$76 1/2 ss.
Macao Electrics, \$23 b.
Telephones \$13 75 s
China Buses, Tls. 19 1/2 b.
Singapore Fractions, 10/- s.

Industrials.

China Sugars, \$1.30 s.
Malabons, \$27 n.
Cald: Macq. Ord: Tls. 10.70 n.
Canton Ices, \$2.50 n.
Cements (Comb.) \$16.30 b.
Ropes \$9.10 b.
United Asbestos \$5 b.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$25.50 s.
Watsons, \$124 b.
Der A. Wings, '80 b.
Lane Crawfords, \$3.50 ss.
Mackintoshes, \$19 1/2 b.
Sincers, \$12 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$29 1/2 b.
Construction, \$1.70 b.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 68% b.
H. K. G. Loan 8% Prem. Ex. Int.



To a pretty girl any mirror, cheap or expensive, is worth looking into.

PINNED IN BLAZING AEROPLANE.

SOLDIERS' DASH INTO FLAMES.

Three soldiers gallantly pulled a dying pilot from a burning aeroplane which crashed in Powell's Orchard, Feltham, Middlesex. The pilot, Mr. George Edward de Tontes, of St. Maur, Tontes, Devon, died in the Hounslow Cottage Hospital a little later.

The soldiers who pulled him from the flames were Sergt. Hallow, Driver J. Hillyer and Mess-waiter G. Jones, all of the R.A.S.C. depot at Feltham.

Mr. Watts only secured his pilot's license a few days previously, and he hired the machine from the National Flying Services at Hanworth for a practice flight. He is believed to have been returning to Nigeria shortly after spending his leave in England.

Red Hot Framework.

One of the soldiers said: "We could see the pilot pinned under the framework in flames from head to foot. He cried 'Pull me out, pull me out!'

"We tried to pull him clear, but were unable to do so. The framework was red hot. After two or three attempts, we managed to lift the tail of the machine and push it aside. Then, with a civilian who reached the scene, we made a quick dash together, and were able to lift him to a distance."

Dr. V. C. Montgomery, of Feltham, rushed to the scene and eased the pilot's pain with an injection. Mr. Watts was terribly injured and burned.

Dive Into Orchard.

A graphic account of the accident was given by Mr. Sidney Smith, of the Staines-road Garage, who watched the machine's fatal dive.

"I was standing outside the garage," he said, "when I saw three aeroplanes flying rather low. One was only about 300 feet up. I saw it climb a little bank steeply to the right and then dive to earth."

"The next instant a column of smoke rose and I shouted for my man to help get out the ambulance which I bought and maintain myself."

"We took all the fire extinguishers we could lay hands on and raced off."

"We got the ambulance as near to the spot as we could and found that the plane had crashed in an orchard which was waterlogged and 300 yards from the

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CINEMA NOTES.

OLD FAVOURITE OF STAGE
AS FILM.

"Madame X", one of the greatest masterpieces of the drama, a favourite of great actors and of the theatre-going public alike, has been translated into a new entertainment medium, the talking film, and in that guise will be seen for the first time in Hongkong at the Queen's Theatre.

The new picture is a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production and is an all-talking feature.

It was directed by Lionel Barrymore, the famous stage and screen actor, and is his second directorial effort.

Ruth Chatterton, who left the theatre, where she had gained an enviable reputation as a dramatic and musical comedy star as well, to enter the film at the time the talking picture made its appearance, plays the title role, a role originally created on the French stage by Sarah Bernhardt.

The remainder of the cast is also a noteworthy one, composed of many stage and screen celebrities. Lewis Stone plays the husband of the tragic and mysterious woman and Raymond Hackett plays her son, who, as a young attorney at the bar, defends her when she goes on trial for murder, without knowing that she is his mother.

Others in the cast are Holmes Herbert, Richard Carle, Sidney Toler, Eugenia Besserer, Ulric Haupt, Claud King, Chappell Dosssett, John P. Edington and others.

The screen adaptation was written by Willard Mack.

THE SHANGHAI BUS
STRIKE SETTLED.EMPLOYEES ALL RESUMING
WORK TO-DAY.

Shanghai, May 13. The Bus Company announces that the strike has been settled, and its employees will be resuming work to-morrow morning.—Reuters.

WOMAN'S WORLD
FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Fashion Notes.

LACE TRIMMED LINGERIE.

All the great couturiers design the lingerie to be worn under their dresses, though Frenchwomen often prefer their own lingerie, who have made everything for their family from generation to generation.

The new chemise-de-nuit and chemises naturally follow the trend of the mode. Their waistlines rise in imitation of the frock, and the renewed femininity is expressed in a profusion of fine lace.

The new linen-handkerchief linen—is so sheer and soft, that it can be passed through your wedding ring quite easily.

It makes up into delightful little lingerie etceteras, embroidered with little birds, and encrusted with lace flowers. Touches of colour are

(Continued on Next Column)

Indiscriminate Use of Perfume
Is Offensive. Atomizer Indispensable in Boudoir.

The correct perfume to suit one's own personality is one thing—but the indiscriminate use of perfume in another.

Exotic Olive Borden maintains that the latter is an unforgivable offence. Says Miss Borden, who will soon be seen in the first National Vitaphone production, "Wedding Rings."

"Assuming that you have discovered your own particular perfume, the next essential to charm is how to use it. So many women make the mistake of over-using perfume, while others do not use enough.

"The business woman, especially, must be discreet. A drop on the handkerchief, another on the underwear and one on the hair is all that she should use. If you are remaining in the boudoir and like the effect of a lingering pungency, you can be more daring and put a drop under your eyes, as illustrated, and another drop at the back of your ears.

"If you are going out formally it is particularly important that your perfume suggests the subtle charm that is you. Here, too, the handkerchief, ears, underwear and eye application are all that is needed with the exception of a little more fragrance for the hair, for the formal hour is the time when the hair is most significant. Every woman knows the value of a softly scented head. The atomizer is an indispensable article in the boudoir and is exactly 'the thing' for scenting your hair."

We all know individuals who are for ever making new friends, whom they credit with all sorts of won-



Picture hats take inspiration for their wide graceful sides from the sloping cape shoulders of the new dressy frocks. This hat of lovely pastel lace straw has a facing of matching taffeta. Its brim reflects the "draped" feeling that is prevalent.

sometimes added by delicate sprays of rocco roses.

Lace trimmed pyjamas, little embroidered mules, and sumptuous negligees, prove that our garçonne abomination has not killed the desire to charm, in all feminine hearts.

Most of the lingerie in Paris today seems to spring from the clever hands of the Russians.

Ancient Assyrian designs are used as an inspiration for many of the modernist printed fabrics, in silk and jersey.

Modern jewel craftsmen are going back to ancient times for striking designs for cutting and setting precious stones, particularly in the large, single stone rings so much worn, and in the flat gold coin and bead necklaces that are in vogue.

Waistbelts are having a renewed vogue this season, and modern manufacturers are adapting ancient Egyptian and Roman designs to modernist treatment.

The Hurry of Modern Life.

In a large city a stranger often creates an impression quickly and succeeds in keeping it, simply because people are too busy to inquire closely. In small places, where they "summer and winter" newcomers before receiving them into the fold, one often finds a surprising regard when friendships do come.

One discovers that people one thought strangers know a tremendous lot about one—and like one all the same. They know all about your faults and failings, and all about your good qualities too.

It is truly astonishing to find how much is known of "local" people, and yet how highly their good qualities are esteemed.

The hurry of modern life often puts a premium on making a good impression. Self-advertisement, like all advertisement, states only the case "for." But many who appreciate the need for advertising their wares, shrink from advertising their own qualities.

The man or woman who sees faults and failings easily is quick to discount over-assertion or shyness, and free to seek the "so much good in the worst of us."

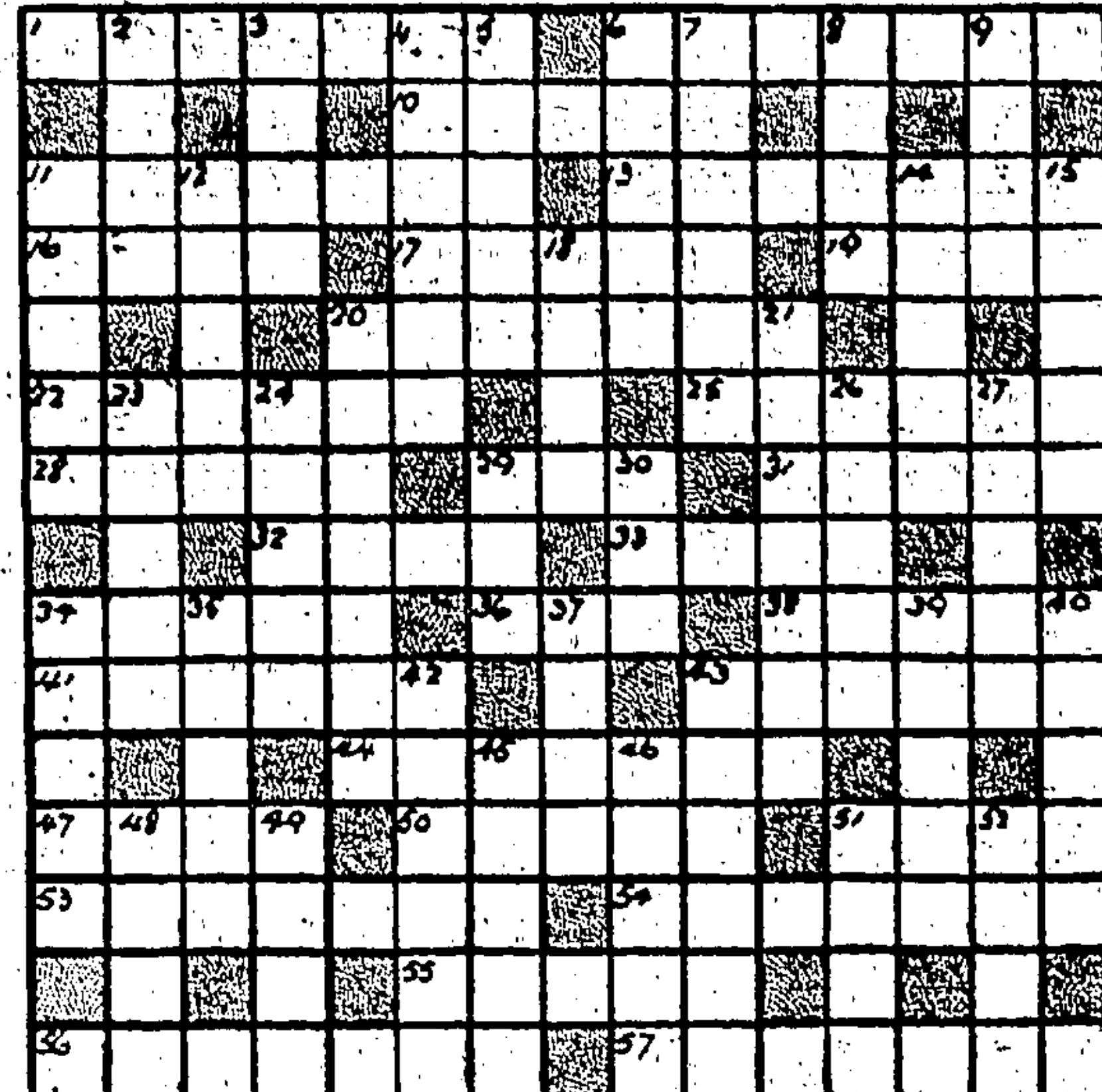
Slowness to see faults and failings may come from stupidity as well as from good nature. Quickness to see them is not malicious; only refusal to see good points would be.

The person who sees easily failings and strong points as well as faults and failings is an excellent judge of human nature.

You can only call him or her malicious on the assumption that human nature is bad.

G.M.W.—In Exchange.

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20 One who attempts.
22 Most arid.
25 Recline.
28 At the seaside.
29 That woman.
31 Waterway.
32 Flout.
33 Tory.
34 Flat fish (plur.).
36 Highest card.
38 Steps.
41 Ruffles.
43 Manner of holding.
44 Penmen.
47 Extra seed covering.
50 Rioter.
51 Part of ship.
53 A little.
54 Refrain.
55 Filament.
56 Write out again.
57 Clothed.

Down:

- 2 Taunt.
3 Semi-circular projection.
4 Join.
5 Roots.
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THE SINO-JAPANESE
AGREEMENT.RATIFIED BY LEGISLATIVE
YUAN AT NANKING.

Nanking, May 13.

An extraordinary session of the Legislative Yuan this morning ratified the Sino-Japanese agreement.

Regarding the annexes dealing with domestic and foreign obligations, the Legislative Yuan passed a resolution that the National Government must strictly adhere to the foreign policy of the Kuomintang, and inter alia, that loans contracted by irresponsible governments could not be accepted by the National Government.—Reuters.

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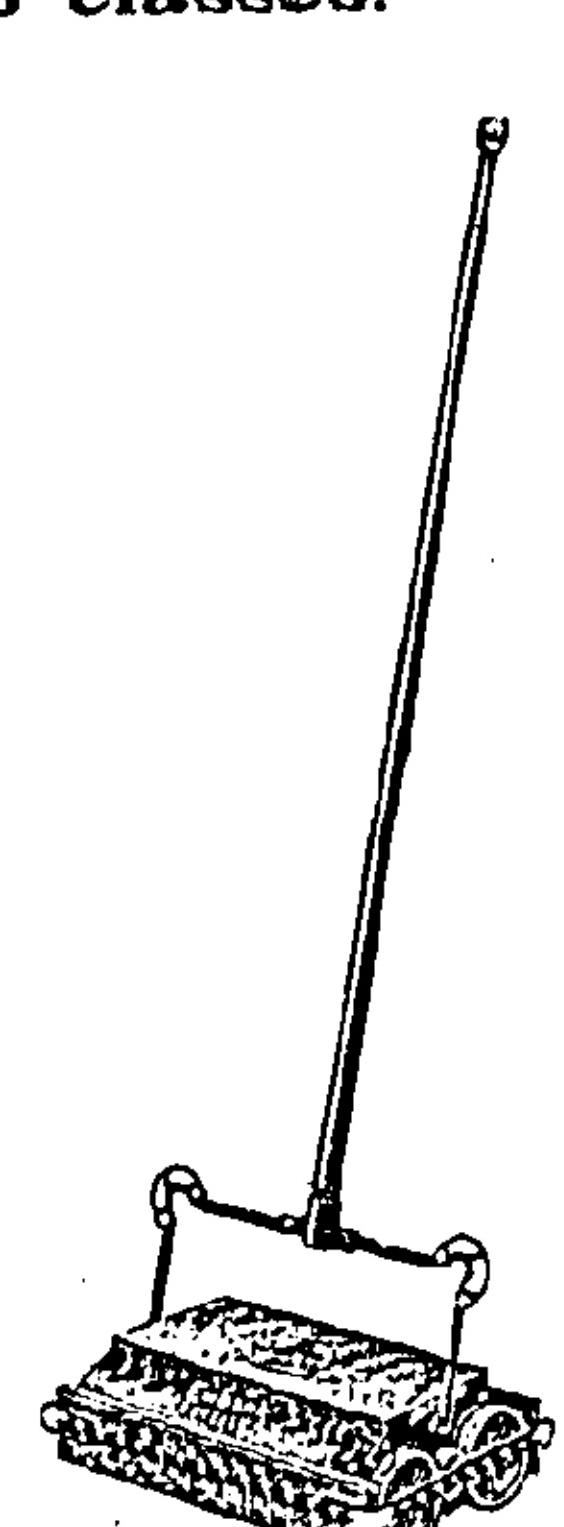
WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 1930.

RIGHT OR LEFT?

In these days of increasing motor traffic, considerable importance attaches to a controversy which is proceeding in England regarding the question as to which side of the road should be used by pedestrians when on the highway. There appears to be very considerable diversity of opinion on the point, if we are to judge by two recent cases in which pedestrians were knocked down by motor-cars. In one instance, a father and son were walking along a country thoroughfare on a rainy night, keeping to the lefthand side of the road, when a car crashed into them, killed the father and seriously injured the son. At the subsequent inquest, the Coroner was emphatic on the point that the pedestrians were on the wrong side of the road, saying they should have been facing the oncoming traffic. In another instance, which took place some time previously, a pedestrian was walking on the lefthand side when he was run into by a motor-cycle proceeding in the same direction. At the Court proceedings, the police superintendent stated that "the public walking on the correct side of the road must have protection, and the motor cyclist should have had sufficient light to avoid knocking the man down."

These two cases show the confusion which prevails on the subject. The trouble appears to arise from the fact that there are at present no specific regulations on the point. The matter is engaging the attention of the National "Safety First" Association, which has always taken the view that it should be viewed from the standpoint of the safest method to be adopted. Accordingly, the following appears in the Association's safety code:—"Where footpaths are provided, you are less likely to step thoughtlessly in front of any vehicle if you walk on the left side of the footpath. You will then be facing the line of traffic nearest you. On country roads without footpaths or wide grass margins, it is wise to walk on the right of the roadway, where you will be facing the traffic nearest to you, and less likely to step in front of any vehicle." At the moment, however, there are no rules definitely laid down, but when the Road Traffic Bill becomes law, it is the intention of the Minister of Transport to draw up a code of customs for all users.

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of the road, as recommended by the Report of the Royal Commission on Transport, which was issued in July last. One of these suggested rules is "Walk on the left side of a footpath or pavement."

In the absence of any definite regulations on the point, it is being suggested that local authorities at Home should issue recommendations for the guidance of the public, so that there might be some uniformity on the subject. At present, the matter is left in a very unsatisfactory state, and much confusion exists both among the users of the roads and the authorities responsible for seeing that pedestrians get adequate protection. As at Home, so here in Hongkong, there appears to be no definite rule, and whilst the rights of pedestrians to the free use of the road cannot be disputed, it might be well if some attempt were made to secure uniformity by the exhibiting of appropriate signs for the guidance of all and sundry.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Currency Problem.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—In view of the various opinions which have been expressed on the silver question, I should be much obliged if you would permit me space to set forth my views.

Silver, as we all know, is cheap because there is an excess of it on the market. Obviously, therefore, if we can create a demand, exchange must improve. Is it not fair to reduce the \$1 note circulation and allow all other values or denominations to spread all over China in lieu of the genuine dollar, as in the past, when notes are refused and silver only accepted for daily transactions?

I should be interested to see the effect if the Government passed an Ordinance suspending all note circulation for a period of six months. The millions of paper notes in the market would be turned into genuine silver dollar circulation. In the face of such a demand, silver would naturally rise. The Banks with note-issuing privileges need not cry out, for they would hoard silver dollars in advance and bag their profits immediately on its rise. It would well repay them.

The next move would have to be more substantial, remembering always that our main aim would be to improve the rate of exchange, with the eventual object in view of fixing a suitable rate for the conversion of our silver dollars into gold currency.

This would involve really united and co-operative action by our Banks and the British and Chinese Governments. Such action, being a single stroke by a strong body of financiers, its very mention would touch the sensitive chords of the venturesome capitalists and operators, and silver would perform rise. When this rise reaches a satisfactory pitch, our action must be to instantly fix the rate of silver dollar exchange and convert our present currency into gold.

Considering the present very favourable market for gold in China, will European and American bankers despise the opportunity for a very great and profitable operation? They need not even go to the expense of shipping bullion, which would only serve to feed the shipping and insurance companies. It would suffice if there were a real credit deposit in the original seats of the operation, say the vaults of the Bank of England and the American Banks. Here all gold and silver for China operation, including Hongkong, would be deposited, and logically we would for the time being only use credit certificates for payment of any big transactions. This would offset the disadvantages of the use of cumbersome silver dollars. When compared with the convenience of banknotes, this latter convenience would be transferred to the credit certificates. Of course, some silver would have to be used for ordinary personal needs, but the public, which is always the victim, would be only too pleased to carry \$10 to \$20 in silver money (dollars and cents) for their daily needs. The propaganda for greater silver demand and circulation would then be complete.

There is another point that must be watched. The silver in circulation must be the real British coin, as in the past, with strict penalties against speculators who melt the coin for their own profit. Any return from such coins would be for the benefit of the Hongkong Treasury, against the loss on notes duty. All the merchants and banks availing themselves of the use of credit certificates for their transactions can operate their credits by depositing with the banks silver bars, either in England or America, if it would be more costly in Hongkong.

The next step would be for the British and American bankers in their home countries, with their gold, to deliberate with their Governments and co-operate with the Chinese Government for a very great silver loan. When this first move is agreed to, confidentially, gold remittances on the most profitable basis would naturally flow into Chinese banks, and Hongkong would be the basis for the creation of a syndicate for this loan. The invasion of gold would obviously show the tendency of the market, and the gold of the parties remitting from abroad, being converted already into silver and cheapening the market for gold and at the same time raising that for silver, would at once give a profit if the interested parties decided on any operation of reconversion.

My point is that China, with a big silver loan, would standardise her currency and convert into gold at a very practical rate. Not to call me a visionary—for I have seen the solution of more difficult problems than this—Hongkong, China and Macao could convert by adopting the Straits rate of 2s. 4d. to the dollar. Here would end all groans and grumblings. We are powerful enough for this, if we unite for strength and success.

Thinking over the subject as being like the problem of a great battle, I recall the simple advice of

DAY BY DAY.

THOSE WHO DENY FREEDOM TO OTHERS, DESERVE IT NOT FOR THEMSELVES.—Abraham Lincoln.

The P. and O. s.s. Nagpore, from Shanghai, is due here on Friday at 1 p.m.

The Ben Line s.s. Benrinnes, from Hongkong via Straits and Manila, is due here on the 22nd instant.

H.M.S. Vindictive will arrive in Hongkong from Woosung on May 23 and will sail for the United Kingdom on May 27.

Mr. E. Ralphs is to distribute the prizes at the Wah Yan College sports which are to be held at Caroline Hill on the 22nd instant.

The Naval and Military Y.M.C.A. acknowledges an anonymous donation of \$2 given in recognition of assistance rendered by a British naval rating.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Peel are holding a reception at Government House on June 3 at 9.30 p.m. in honour of His Majesty the King's Birthday.

A fine of \$25 was imposed by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on the manager of the London Cafe, in Nathan Road, for serving meals after hours.

H.M.S. Medway and H.M. Submarines Osiris, Otus, Odin and Oswald will leave the United Kingdom for service on the China Station on May 24. They are expected to arrive at Hongkong on August 2.

Leung Kiu-piu, carpenter of 22 Star Street, reports that about 6.30 a.m. yesterday, he was alighted from a tramcar in Western Street, when he discovered that someone had stolen from his pocket a purse containing \$5 Singapore money and \$2.84 Hongkong currency.

The local offices of the Canadian Pacific have just issued another edition of their handy little folder, giving the 1930 Pacific sailings, and time tables of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, Hongkong Tramways, Hotel Bus Service, Peak Tramway, Star Ferry Service and the Hongkong, Canton and Macao steamers.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts informed us that they have received a cable from their Shanghai office to the effect that the Shanghai Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd. has declared a dividend of 3.25 taels per share on the "old" and of 2.45 taels per share on the "new" shares for the half year ending April 30, 1930.

The weekly return of the Medical Officer of Health contained five cases of typhoid, three of smallpox and one of scarlet fever. There were four deaths from typhoid and three from smallpox. Deaths from malaria and tuberculosis—non-notifiable diseases—numbered 9 and 16 respectively. Yesterday's return contained three cases of smallpox and two of typhoid.

A series of convictions for larceny from the person was produced against a Chinese who was charged before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for depositing household refuse in the streets. His Worship remarked that he supposed it was just because the defendants were too lazy to do their work properly that they dumped rubbish in the streets.

Two domestic servants employed at 11, Cameron Road and 14 Granville Road respectively, were each fined \$5 by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for depositing household refuse in the streets. His Worship remarked that he supposed it was just because the defendants were too lazy to do their work properly that they dumped rubbish in the streets.

News has been received in Singapore by Messrs. John Little and Co. from their London office of the death of the chairman of the company, Mr. R. Scoular. Mr. Scoular, who was about 65 years of age, was for many years head of the company in Singapore. Coming out a long ago as 1891, he retired from the East in 1917 on becoming chairman, though he paid further visits in 1910, 1923 and 1926.

a great Spanish General to his king when consulting with him on the means of victory in a possible war. It was:—"Three things are necessary, and then three more: Gold, gold, and more gold; followed by soldiers, soldiers and more soldiers." In our case it is: "Silver, silver and more silver; and action, action and more action,"—Yours, etc.

The Very Idea!

A lecture on the kilt and its health value was given in Edinburgh recently under the auspices of the Edinburgh Branch of the Men's Dress Reform Party.

Is this then the herald of the kilt for everyday wear? All true Scotsmen (especially those with shapely knees) will hope so.

But if the kilt becomes fashionable again, there may be a distinct element of danger ahead. Think of the chances that trousers have undergone in recent years. They have become longer and bigger. Soon they will be like two kilts.

What is to prevent the kilt going the same way?

Perhaps we shall read in fashion notes:—

The kilt is worn longer this season. There is a distinct tendency to a side droop, too, and the apron is not so broad as last season. Kilt pins are plainer, but sporran are fancier than ever.

"If we turn down here, cross the alleys, and then take the path, it will lead us to the station."

"How do you know all these short cuts?"

"Oh, we're always having flag days here."

A Scottish Member of Parliament once asked Sheridan how he got rid of his Irish brogue, as no wanted to avoid his own accent.

"My dear fellow," said Sheridan, "don't attempt any such thing. The House listens to you now because they don't understand you; but if you become intelligible, they will be able to take your measure."

Mother, eager to go to the pictures, asked daddy to get little Doris to sleep while she wished up. Half-an-hour after a small head peeped round the door, "Mummy, mummy," it whispered, "I've got daddy to sleep."

When the minister took his holidays, one of his parishioners was thought to be dying. Upon his return he met the man's wife, attired in black.

"My dear Mrs. B—" he exclaimed. "I'm so sorry. I see your poor husband is dead."

"If ye mean Jimmy," returned the woman, "he's very much alive an' oot at his work this verra minute."

"But you are in mourning, and as Jim was very ill when I went away, I naturally concluded that the worst had happened."

"Weel, it is this wey," explained the woman. "He aggravated me so much that I went into mourning again for my last man."

CONFIDENCE TRICK ON GIRL.

JEWELLERY SOLD TO HELP TWO MEN.

Wong Man-ying, of 124, Temple Street, was the victim of a confidence trick yesterday by which she lost jewellery to the value of \$136.

According to a statement made by her to the Police, she went to the Empress Hotel yesterday in company with two men surnamed Yip and Yu respectively. They went to room 117, when Yip told her that he was an opium dealer, and that he was about to bring off a big deal that afternoon, but was hindered for want of cash. He suggested that she should lend her jewellery to be pawned, and he would return the money for it, with interest, the same day, immediately after the deal had been effected.

She believed the man's story and agreed to pawn her jewellery, which was valued at \$136. The men took the money and have not been seen or heard of again.

WHO WAS MOLOCH?

Third among the seven great powers of Hell, according to Milton, in his epic "Paradise Lost" was Moloch, the God of the Ammonites, less terrible only than Satan, and Beelzebub.

To the brazen statue of Moloch, with its calf's head, the people of Ammon offered human sacrifices in their temples of Rabba and Argib and Basan, and of all human sacrifices these were the most fiendish. Living children were thrust into the fire and their slaughtered, bleeding bodies piled upon the altar of the god.

Therefore, do we call by the name of Moloch any power which causes us to sacrifice to it the dearest things in life. War is called a Moloch, and greed, and the other passions which ravage humanity. During the French Revolution the guillotine was also so described.

STABILIST.

FINE NAVY LEAGUE WORK.

OVERSEAS RELIEF FUND REPORT.

HELP FOR ORPHANS.

Few people probably realise the excellent charitable work done by the Navy League, evidence of which locally has been provided by the opening of the "Sepoy" Disaster Fund. A report just to hand showing the splendid work done by the League's Overseas Relief Fund contains much information which will no doubt be found of interest to our readers.

According to the report, a sum of nearly half a million pounds has been expended by the Navy League Overseas Relief Fund in the period 1916 to 1928 in granting general relief and educational assistance to the orphans and other dependents to those in the Navy and the Merchant Service, who suffered as a result of the Great War.

No words can express the feeling of relief which timely assistance has given in thousands of cases of distress caused by the sudden stoppage of payments made by men who were killed or disabled towards the support of wife, parents or other dependents.

Origin of the Fund.

Shortly after the Battle of Jutland, offers of financial assistance were received by the Navy League from its Overseas Branches. New Zealand was the first to offer and a sum of £20,000 was cabled from them in a few weeks. Natal followed, then South Australia and many others. By the end of the year 1916, a sum of over £122,000 had been subscribed and for some time afterwards large sums continued to be received.

The total amount of the donations contributed to the Fund from 1916 to 1928 was £40,568 14s. Of this sum, branches in China contributed £12,086. These donations, together with interest on the unexpended portion of the Fund, amounted at the end of 1928 to about £539,000.

The accounts have been audited annually by the Accountants to the Navy League and the point may be specially emphasized that the cost of administration for the whole period 1916 to 1928 amounted to only 4.69 per cent.

Committee Principles.

Promptness of action, careful adaptation of the assistance given to meet the needs of individual cases, and personal touch wherever possible, these were some of the principles which were acted upon. Very frequently, advice was needed as much as financial help and in various ways it has been possible to give this advice. In this matter the officers and members of the Local Subcommittees at the three principal Naval Ports—Chatham, Portsmouth and Devonport—have been of the greatest assistance and their work is here most gratefully acknowledged, not only in the personal investigation of cases but also in much sympathetic after-care.

Another principle rigidly acted upon is that any educational assistance given is through the parent or guardian through whom amounts and school reports are also received. School reports are received and extracts made from them every term. Though school reports are said to be mainly valuable for what they do not say, it has occasionally been necessary to issue a warning when reports have not been satisfactory. In a few cases, but very few—it has been necessary to withdraw grants altogether when reports have been consistently bad.

Typical Cases.

A few cases may be given to illustrate the results of educational assistance. In some of them the whole cost of education and training has been defrayed by this Fund, in others a substantial addition has been made to the help given by other bodies.

Very many have obtained Degrees at Universities (in one recent year two obtained the M.A. Degree, three B.A., three B.Sc.—two of these with First Class Honours—one B.D.S., and one L.R.A.M.), and numbers have obtained teaching posts in Public Secondary Schools or in Elementary Schools. Others are now at work as kindergarten teachers, domestic science teachers, music teachers and games mistresses. Several are now qualified doctors or dentists or dispensers and pharmacists. One—a girl—is now in training as a veterinary surgeon. Some are serving as Commissioned Officers in the Royal Navy, the Army and the Air Force, others as officers in the Merchant Service. Accountancy, banking and commerce have claimed very large numbers.

Present and Future.

At the end of December, 1929, i.e., on the expiration of the Trust,

DOG BROUGHT FROM CANTON

FOLLOWS MISTRESS ON TO STEAMER.

Charges of bringing a dog into the Colony without a permit from the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon and of bringing the animal from Hongkong to Kowloon without permission were brought against a Chinese woman who appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The defendant pleaded guilty to both charges.

According to Inspector Stimson the defendant's dog was found in Baker Street without a muzzle or licence plate and was taken to the Station. It was later claimed by the accused who admitted that it had been brought down from Canton. The defendant told the Police that the animal had followed her on board the steamer without her knowledge. It is not until the ship had sailed that she saw it.

Inspector Stimson intimated that as the woman had had the dog for ten years it was possible that what she said was correct. The Police were not pressing the charges but pointed out that it was a serious offence to import dogs without a permit.

In reply to his Worship the officer said that they did not know on what ship the woman had travelled or a summons would have been taken out against the master.

His Worship cautioned the defendant who had only arrived on the day the dog was found.

LIFT BOY'S THEFT OF FAN.

FOUR MONTHS FOR LANE, CRAWFORD EMPLOYEE.

The theft of an electric fan from the lounge of Messrs Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, on the first floor of Exchange Buildings, some time between 8 p.m. on May 12th, and 6 a.m. on the 13th, had its sequel in the Police Court this morning, when Chan Wing, a lift boy employed by the firm, appeared before Mr. Grantham charged with stealing the fan.

He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to four months' imprisonment.

Sgt. Johnson stated that the theft was reported to the authorities by Mr. D. M. Goodall, the manager of the restaurant, who said that the person must have entered the Lounge by way of a window on the first floor. The fan was valued at \$50. Subsequently the police conducted inquiries with the result that defendant was arrested and charged. The fan was later recovered.

It is estimated that the amount of the Fund still remaining will be about £28,000 (which is about one year's normal expenditure) and of this £11,600 has been already definitely allocated to cases. It may be urged that this large residue is due to bad management. On the contrary precisely the reverse is the case. It is the result of careful foresight and skilful calculation. Certain grants have been reduced and no new cases have been accepted in the last three years, in order that assistance might continue to be available for those who had begun but had not completed their training. To withdraw help from these would be disastrous. In all over 12,000 cases have been investigated, and of the 3,226 individuals who have received educational assistance, 610 are still being helped, and though this number will rapidly decrease, some will not have completed their educational course for five or six years from December 31st, 1929.

Conclusion.

The activities of the Navy League Overseas Relief Fund have begun to diminish, but they will not finally come to an end until the year 1935 or 1936, when it is anticipated that the funds will be exhausted and all its present beneficiaries will have completed their educational course.

Many thousands of the dependents of those who gave their lives for us or were disabled in the War, have had their burdens lightened, and very large numbers of orphans have been able to receive an education which, but for this Fund, would have been beyond their reach. Though the funds at the disposal of the Committee have been large the need has been still greater, and during the last three years applications for assistance have been received which could not be entertained as the funds in hand had already been allocated. The Committee will therefore be glad to receive any further donations which may be entrusted to it for the benefit of these cases.

In presenting this Report, the Committee desire to give expression to their satisfaction at having been permitted to share in such a gratifying piece of constructive work and their heartfelt thanks to their brothers and sisters overseas whose generous gifts have made such work possible.

FOKI AND FORGED CHOP.

MAGISTRATE PUZZLED OVER CHARGE BROUGHT.

ATTEMPT AT FRAUD.

The motive lying behind a forged chop and the reason for the Public Prosecutor abandoning a major charge for a minor one, occupied the attention of Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, when Man On, aged 29, unemployed, of 104 Reclamation Street, appeared before him on a charge of possession of a forged chop.

The chop purported to be that of the Nam Cheung-ke shop of 5, Tai Wan Street, Wan Chai, where defendant was at one time a foki. The defendant pleaded guilty, and His Worship asked him why he had possession of the chop. Accused replied, after some hesitation, that it was in order for him to obtain goods.

Communications Cut.

Peking, May 14.

An official communiqué states that General Yuan Tsao-chang, commander of the 55th Shantung Division, has declared against Marshal Chiang Kai-shek. His troops have gained contact with those of General Shih Yu-san.

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Attempt to Defraud.

Mr. Lindsell:—Why did you not charge him with uttering a forged document?

Sgt. Ritchie:—I was instructed on this charge by the Public Prosecutor.

Mr. Lindsell:—But you have better evidence of uttering a forged document. I don't know why you abandoned the major charge for a minor one. On what grounds did the Public Prosecutor refuse to apply this major charge. Is there anything known about him? I can't see how I can give him more than three months on this charge, but I could give him six months on the other.

Sgt. Ritchie said that he thought the chief difficulty was to ascertain what the defendant really wanted to obtain by the chop.

Mr. Lindsell said he could not understand why they had not alleged attempt to defraud. Obviously from what had been told him, they had ample evidence of the attempted defraud of the lime dealer in Namtau, and the document was issued in the Colony.

He imposed a sentence of three months' imprisonment.

FIERCE BATTLES RAGING.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Nationalists also claim the seizure of 5,000 small arms and six field guns.

There are conflicting reports concerning the movements of the Nationalist Generalissimo, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, who has been reported both at Tangshan near Kwai-chow and Pangtow along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway. An independent report says that Marshal Chiang was seen directing the Nationalist offensive against Kwai-chow at Tangshan yesterday.

The Military Governor of Shantung, General Chan Tiao-yuan, has telegraphed from Tsingtao requesting the Higher Military Command to remit him two million dollars for military expenditure, in view of the imminent Kuomin-chun attacks against Shantung.

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Gregory and Collins (Britain) beat Tloczynski and Warminski (Poland) not losing a single game in the three sets.—Reuter.

FINE WEATHER.

The Royal Observatory reports that an anticyclone is central over N.E. Japan. A trough of low pressure extends from Indo-China to the east of Luzon. The typhoon appears to be filling up to the south of Naha. The local forecast is:—N.E. winds, moderate; fine; cloudy.

NEW SCHOOL TO BE BUILT.

VOTES FOR SUPPLEMENTARY EXPENDITURE.

MANY SMALL ITEMS.

Votes for supplementary expenditure totalling \$53,870 will be submitted to a meeting of the Finance Committee tomorrow afternoon.

The votes include an item of \$8,520 under the head of personal emoluments, it being explained that the former Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, has been granted three months and 22 days full pay leave prior to his retirement on August 1 this year. Consequent upon the appointment of Sir Joseph Kemp as Chief Justice and Mr. C. G. Alabaster as Attorney General it is necessary to provide for acting pay. The vote covers the period up to Sir Henry Gollan's retirement and one month in addition.

A sum of \$1,905 is required in connexion with the geographical survey and the visit of Brig.

General H. St. J. L. Winterbotham. The Finance Committee has already approved the provision of necessary funds (\$320 estimated) when required. The expenditure incurred to date is \$1,905 and a vote for this sum is requested. A further application will be submitted when the accounts for the complete tour have been made up in London and the actual balance due from Hongkong is known.

To complete the work at Cape D'Aguilar wireless station a sum of \$4,940 is required.

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Damaged goods for King's College had to be replaced and a vote for \$293 is requested. It is explained that the Crown Agents are taking steps to obtain satisfaction from the contractors in England who have so far denied responsibility for the damage.

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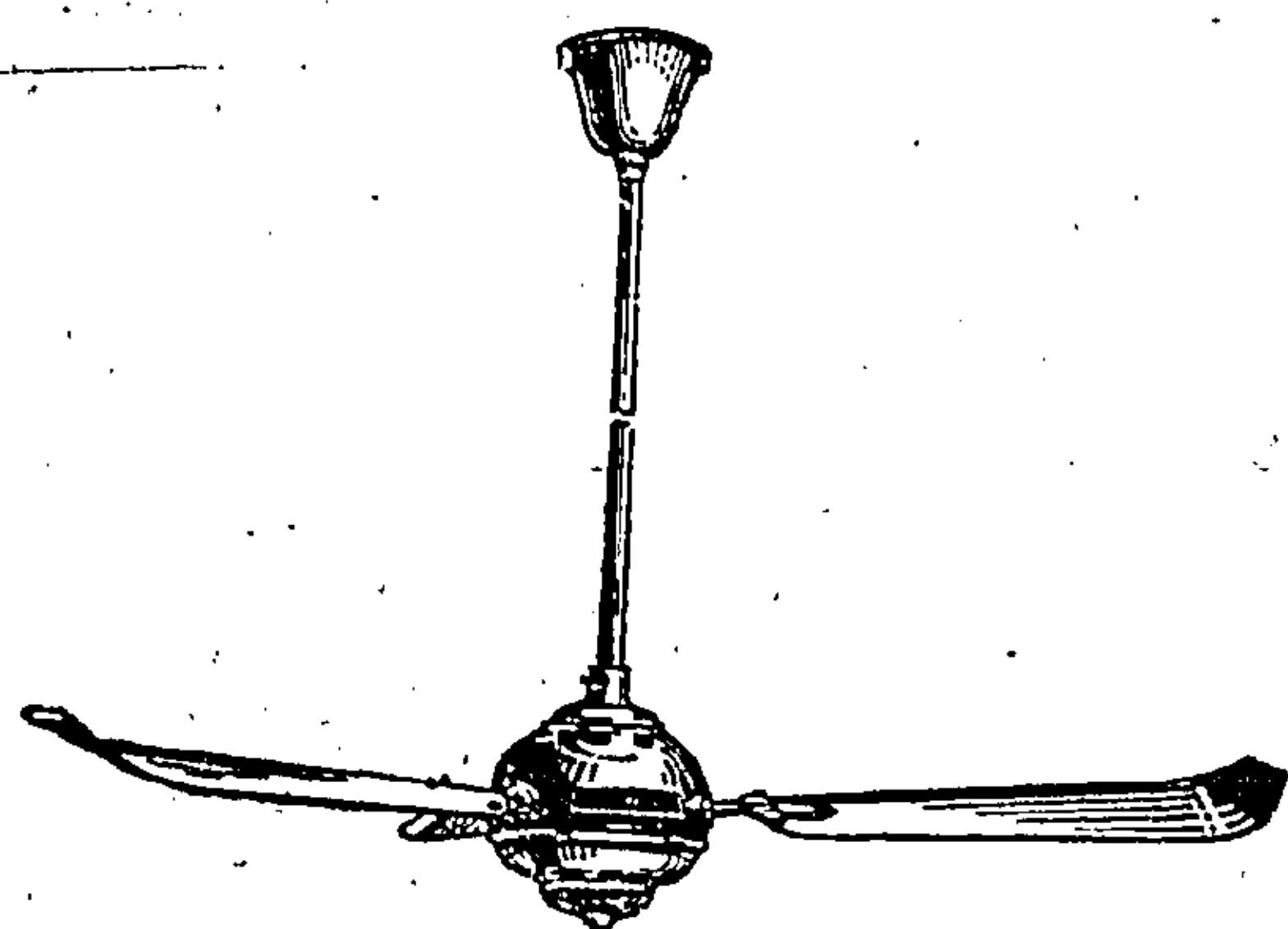
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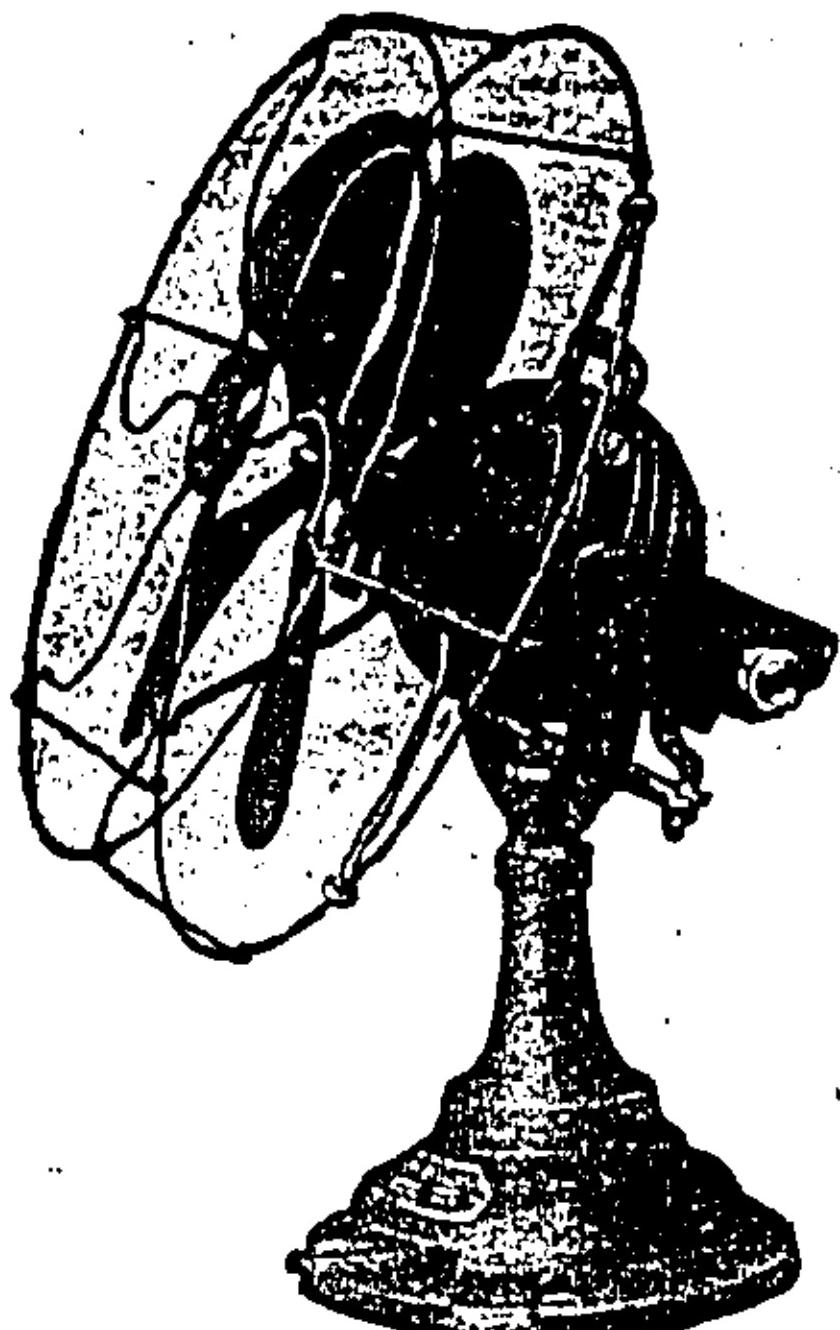
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LOCAL FOOTBALL AFFAIRS.

LARGE SUM COLLECTED IN "SEPOY" CHARITY GAME.

A meeting of the Hongkong Football Association Council was held in the Association offices, French Bank Building, yesterday afternoon, with Mr. R. Ormiston in the chair. Others present were Mr. W. E. Hollands (Hon. Sec.), Mr. G. T. May (Hon. Treas.), Mr. R. M. Dyer, Commdr. Byron and Messrs. T. G. Stokes, F. Smith and McTavish.

Among the letters read to the meeting was one from Rear Admiral R. A. S. Hill, C.B.E., expressing thanks to the Hongkong Football Association for their organisation of the football game in aid of the "Sepoy" Fund. Rear Admiral Hill, in his letter, assured the Association that their services for the relief of the relatives of the men who lost their lives in the tragedy on the Sepoy were very much appreciated.

Asked to present his statement of accounts for the match in aid of the "Sepoy" Fund, the Hon. Treasurer said the gross gate receipts amounted to \$1,942.10, donations to \$165, and the sum collected by Mr. W. E. Hollands from raffles and advance bookings to \$801.10, making a total of \$2,108.20.

The Chairman expressed his gratification at the response shown by the public, and informed the meeting that a cheque for this sum would be sent to Mr. W. A. Dowley, the Hon. Secretary of the local branch of the Navy League, to-day.

Charity Allocation.

The sum available for distribution from the Sunday Herald competition was \$4270, which compared with \$3,066.70 last year. The suggested allocation, which represents an increase in every case, was passed at yesterday's meeting. The full list is as follows: Protestant Orphanage, \$250; Protestant Almshouses, \$250; Missions to Seamen, \$50; St. Vincent de Paul, \$300; Little Sisters of the Poor, \$300; Chap Shing Hospital, \$500; Blind Home, \$300; Alice Memorial Hospital, \$500; Hongkong Benevolent Society, \$300; St. Dunstan's Home, £50; Chinese Leper Mission, \$250.

The following members of the Council were appointed to revise the rules for the next season.—Messrs. F. Smith, R. K. Duncan, T. G. Stokes and G. T. May, with Mr. W. E. Hollands as Secretary of this Sub-committee.

Mr. Dyer proposed, and Mr. McTavish seconded, that the annual general meeting of the Hongkong Football Association be held on June 30. This was passed unanimously.

LAWN BOWLS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

SEVENTY PLAYERS ENTERED THIS YEAR.

The draw for the lawn bowls open championship was made last night. There were seventy entries, and the draw resulted as under:

Byes.

A. Stalker v N. Drummond.
J. Carr v H. Nish.
A. O. Brown v A. M. Holland.
J. V. Ramsay v L. Whant.
A. C. Burford v B. W. Bradbury.
G. E. Roylance v W. W. Wotherspoon.
A. L. Shields v D. Muir.
J. O. McLellan v J. Massey.
H. A. Alves v A. H. Basto.
J. Gregory v J. Leung.
C. J. Tacchi v W. H. Muskett.
F. L. Rapley v T. Grimes.
W. Ward v R. Marks.
J. Ferguson v A. F. Paul.
H. H. Rose v winner of Cullen v Gittins.

Preliminary Round.

F. Cullen v R. Bass.
J. C. West v H. G. Cooper.
P. A. Yvanovich v A. E. Coates.
T. Armstrong v A. Chapman.
A. Hyde-Lay v V. Chittenden.
D. Walmsley v H. Gittins.
Byes.
A. Silkstone v winner of Walmsley v Gittins.
U. M. Omar v J. T. Dobbie.
P. T. Farrell v R. Lapsley.
E. W. Simmonds v C. Atkinson.
L. G. Gutierrez v S. E. Alderman.
C. G. Silva v G. Hargreaves.
F. C. Goodman v G. Henderson.
E. el Arculli v B. E. Maughan.
A. T. Hamilton v E. W. L. Hobbin.
W. Collins v H. Overy.
A. W. Grimmitt v J. H. Johnston.
R. F. Luz v D. Gow.
G. C. Moss v A. Tarbuck.
A. H. Oswick v E. L. Holland.
C. E. Marques v A. Macfarlane.

LEAGUE TENNIS.

UNIVERSITY TEAMS FOR TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

The following will represent the University "B" and "C" Teams in the League matches against the Civil Service Cricket Club and the Hongkong Cricket Club respectively today at 4 p.m.

"B" Team (Home)—F. Y. Kho (Capt.), L. Forster, D. K. Samy, G. de Souza, G. E. Yeoh, T. K. Lien.
"C" Team (Away)—Y. F. Chow (Capt.), H. N. Chung, P. P. Kho, L. de Silva, Y. K. Ng, L. Oppenheim.

Teams to Represent K.C.C.

The following have been selected to represent the K.C.C. in their League fixtures to-day:

"B" Division.

Versus Ed. Y.M.C.A. at K.C.C. Ground at 5.15 p.m., L. Jack (Capt.) and R. B. Hamby, F. Grose, and G. Mackintosh, Wm. Gittins and A. T. Lee.

"C" Division.

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LOCAL INSURANCE MEETING.

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collection. Excluding these two favourable factors, the amount written off the Life Establishment Account would have been \$67,931 and even this figure would have shown a satisfactory comparison with the corresponding figures of \$15,278 and \$26,642 written off in the two previous years.

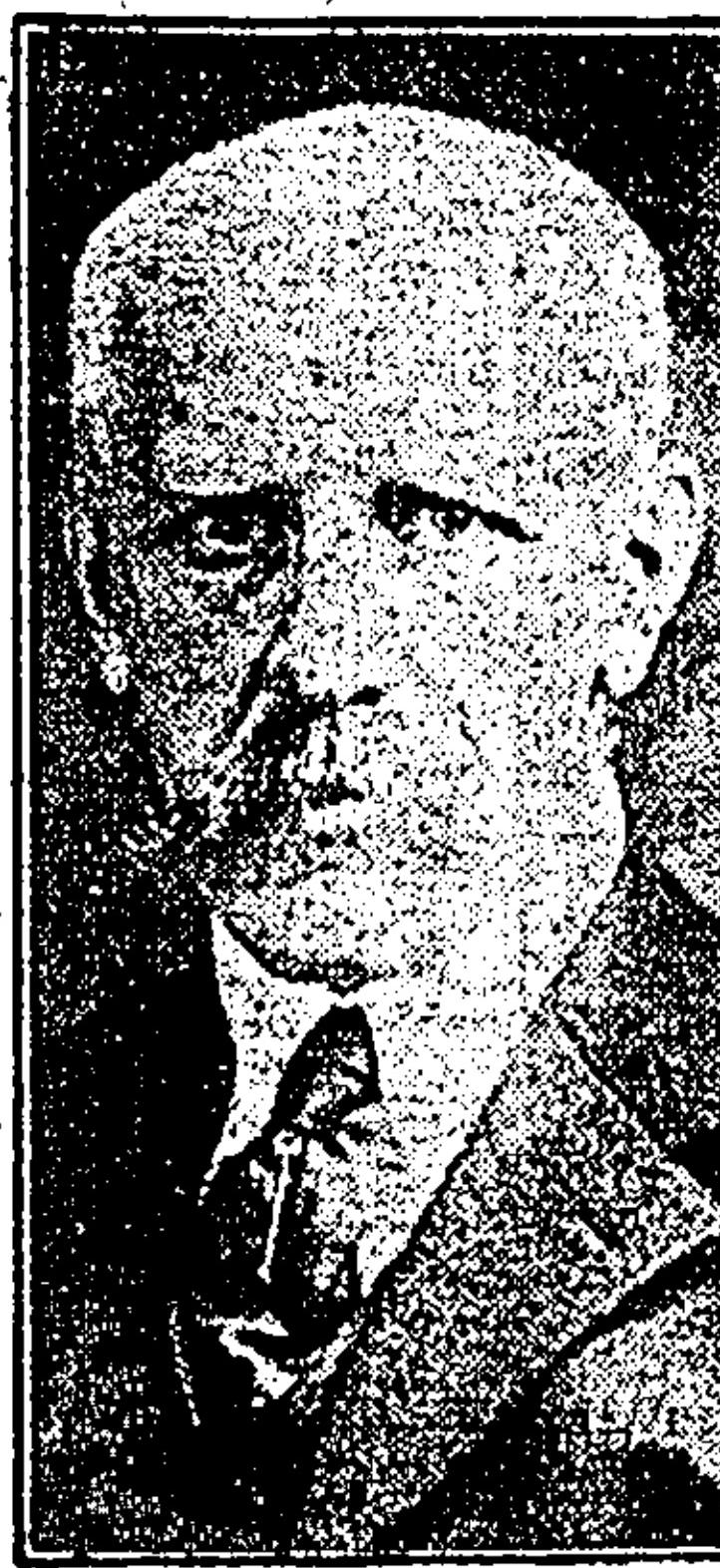
Exchange Effects.

If exchange were to go up, part of the Life Assurance Fund would disappear, but the exchange fluctuation account in the balance sheet is sufficient to allow for any likely exchange fluctuation upwards in the near future and if the exchange goes down, the results would be still more favourable.

New business has been maintained in our Southern Agencies in spite of depressed business conditions in Ceylon, the Straits, the Dutch East Indies and Burma owing to low prices of tin, copra, rubber, etc.

The Life Assurance Fund requires to be built up to cover the actuarial liability under the policies, but the fact that we have entirely written off our Establishment Account, which in 1926 stood at \$152,649, and set up

OBITUARY.



The late Dr. Nansen, famous explorer, whose death is reported to-day.

a Life Assurance Fund of over \$100,000, is a sufficient indication that this Department is making steady progress.

The satisfactory collection of renewals and the favourable claim ratio show that we have good class business on our books.

Marine Dept. Losses.

The net premiums in the Marine Department amounted to \$256,404 as compared with \$169,890 in 1928. While the section of the business which represents our own underwriting has shown a profit, the business which is re-insured with us under Treaties reflects the unsatisfactory experience of the London market and after setting up reserves on the increase, a loss of \$16,284 is shown. Steps will be taken to discontinue business from unprofitable sources.

Net premiums in the Fire Insurance Department at \$116,282 show a considerable increase over the figure of \$79,468 in 1928, but the claim rate has been heavy, so that after setting up increased reserves for unexpired risks a sum of \$20,509 is transferred to the debit of Profit and Loss Account. The section of the business which has resulted in this loss was discontinued in the latter part of last year.

While the net premiums in the Accident Insurance Department have been about the same as last year, we have been able to increase the reserve for unexpired risks from \$10,991 to \$14,913, nothing having been transferred to or from Profit and Loss Account.

Increased Debit.

The Profit and Loss Account shows a debit balance of \$89,284 against \$87,463 last year. This increased debit is to the extent of \$16,000 due to the different exchange at which the debit at 31 December, 1928, has been brought forward; otherwise it results from the debit balances after setting up reserves in the Fire and Marine Departments.

It will be seen that the Exchange and Investment Fluctuation Account has been increased from \$4,225 to \$78,189. On the whole, while the Life Department has shown a quite satisfactory progress and the Accident Department Reserves have been strengthened, the Fire and Marine Departments, which are becoming subsidiary to the Life Business, still give some cause for anxiety. We hope to be

MARTIAL LAW AT SHOLAPUR.

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city assumed charge of Sholapur city, machine-guns and pickets being posted at strategic points where barricades were erected holding up traffic.

The city has a deserted aspect, all the shops being closed, and thus the attempt by leaders of the populace to put sway into practice was short-lived. Lawlessness has practically disappeared.

Several "Congress policemen," in accordance with yesterday's decision of the leaders to administer the city, appeared at a picket post commanded by a detachment of the Ulster Rifles and started directing traffic. They were promptly arrested.

Another detachment of Ulstermen hauled down a national flag flying at the cross roads, where Moslem policemen were incinerated on May 8, and hoisted, instead, improvised colours consisting of the regimental crest charcoaled on a piece of canvas.

Not a single Gandhi cap has been seen in the streets since the military occupation.

The new District Superintendent has proceeded to round-up the ringleaders of the recent riots.

SHANGHAI ELEVEN SELECTED.

INTERPORT TEAM TO MEET HONGKONG.

Shanghai, May 13. The Shanghai interport cricket eleven was selected this evening as follows:

Leach (Captain).
O'Hara.
Simpson.
Divecha.
Barnes.
Isaacs.
Barson.
Madar.
Marshall.
Stokes.
Rogerson.
Reserves.—Quick, Findley.—Reuter.

HAPPY VALLEY GOLF.

F. E. BOOKER QUALIFIES IN ADAMSON CUP.

In the Adamson Cup Competition, played at Happy Valley from May 3rd to May 13th, F. E. Booker qualified with a score of 67 (78-11). Other scores were as under:

A. J. W. Dorling	88	14	74
A. E. Charman	90	14	76
R. C. Wallace	86	10	76
W. H. Edmunds	88	12	78
E. Moore	91	13	78
G. McLeod	97	18	79

A start will probably be made this year with the long-projected task of widening the River Lea in the neighbourhood of Stratford, E., with the object of putting an end to the floods which are an annual nuisance to the district.

Share Capital Call.

In February last, a call of \$1 per share was made on the Company's share capital, making a total of \$4 per share paid up out of the nominal amount of \$10. The call was made as our Directors felt that the present paid up capital is rather small in view of the expansion of the Company's business and the proceeds of the call will be held in reserve. Any further likely development of the Company can be met out of income.

In conclusion, I should like to place on record our appreciation of the loyal co-operation of the Branch Managers, Secretaries, Agents and Staff in our various branches.

I have now the pleasure to propose the adoption of the report and accounts of the Company for the year ending 31st December, 1929, as presented and when that has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions that shareholders may wish to ask.

Mr. G. Hall Bruton seconded the adoption of the report, the resolution being carried without discussion.

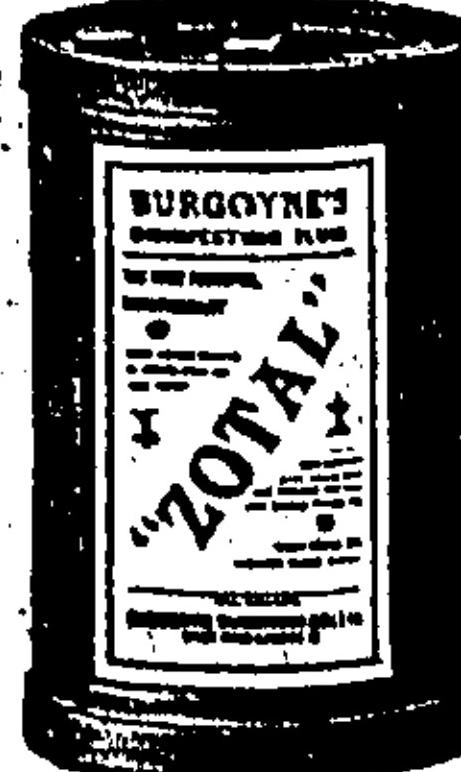
General Business.

Mr. J. J. Basto proposed, and Mr. Chan Lai-pan seconded, the re-election of Messrs. C. P. Marcel and Tang Foo to the Board of Directors, this being carried, and on the propositions of Mr. A. L. Shields seconded by Mr. Alan Keith, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, were re-elected as auditors of the Company.

This concluded the business.

Mr. Robert G. Shearman presided, and others present were—Messrs. Allan Cameron, C. A. Da Roza, A. R. Botelho, Li Tse-fong, and Mok Ching-kong (Directors), G. Hall Bruton, J. J. Basto, Alan Keith, A. L. Shields and Chan Lai-pan (shareholders).

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CHAPTER XLIII.

"Phyllis Benham?" the prisoner echoed blankly. "I've never known a girl named Phyllis Benham."

"Phyllis Crosby?" Dundee suggested.

"Never heard of her," Conway retorted. "Kin to that guy I was hired to work for?"

"His dead wife. You stole her miniature," Dundee replied quietly.

"I took everything that was in a jewel box, without bothering to open some of the cases," the prisoner explained frankly.

"Doris Matthews told one of the maids that she had seen you somewhere before," Dundee told him, trying a new tack.

"Yes. In the dining room of the Stuart House Thursday night," Conway answered promptly.

"She was having dinner with a man. I met him Friday night at the servants' dinner. Arnold, the chauffeur, he was. He didn't see me Thursday night, because his back was toward me, but I nearly got the girl's coat staring at her. She was a peach. Of course I had in my glasses and my hat was parted in the middle, not on the left side as it was Friday night. But I saw it had been bothered—where she'd seen me before."

"And you weren't taking any chances, were you, Conway?" Strawn cut in savagely. "You knew the girl might remember and give you away. That's why you killed her! Didn't I tell you yesterday, Dundee?"

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In reply to the Magistrate, Wong Lai-woo said that he did not see the defendant on the premises prior to the assault or before he went to bed.

Asked if he wished to challenge the evidence, the defendant replied in the negative.

Mr. Lindsell:—You understand the effect of that. It means that you accept his evidence as correct?

Defendant:—Yes.

Saw No Thief.

Chung Kwong, a foki at No. 3, Des Voeux Road, spoke to being aroused from sleep by the cries of "Save life!" and of going down to Wong's office. He was the first to get there. There was no light, and as he was trying to find the switch, Wong Lai-woo shouted out "There is the thief." Witness did not see any thief.

Mr. Lindsell:—What did he mean by "there is the thief?" Where?—He pointed towards the safe.

Mr. Lindsell:—Do you mean the thief was somewhere there?—Yes.

Witness said that as he went towards the top of the stairs he saw the beam from an electric torch, which proved to be that of a Chinese constable. He went down to open the grille and to admit him, and they went up to the office together where they found the complainant lying on the bed, groaning and bleeding profusely.

The defendant was a distant nephew of witness, being the son of a clansman. Witness slept on the third floor and he saw defendant before he went to bed, when he was on the third floor.

Mr. Lindsell:—Has he plenty of money?—No, his people are poor.

Has he any expensive tastes?—He smokes cigarettes and drinks tea. I know of no other expensive tastes.

Witness said that he went on the following Thursday to see Wong Lai-woo who said that his nephew had struck and cut him. Witness rebuked him and asked why he did not say that before, and the injured man replied that it was because he was in too great a pain at the time.

Missing Keys.

Another foki of the Company, living at 3, Des Voeux Road West, spoke to being aroused by the alarm and said that as he was leaving his room he saw a figure running up the stairs. He could not distinguish anybody, but the figure was wearing light clothing.

The Secretary of the Chinese branch, China Navigation Company, said that he slept quite close to the defendant, and three times, on the night in question, between the hours of 11 p.m. and 3 a.m. he tried to get up, and each time pass the defendant's bed. On all three occasions defendant occupied it.

Witness also had charge of the safe key, which was attached to a ring, together with nine other keys.

He placed in the pocket of his jacket, and when he put this on after the alarm was given, he discovered that the whole bunch of keys was missing. He saw a key on the floor in the office, but he did not recognise it as the safe key.

Inspector Shannon, in reply to the Magistrate, said that all efforts to trace the bunch of keys had failed, and they had no idea where they were.

PUBLIC HEALTH PROPAGANDA.

PRIZES FOR ESSAYS ON HYGIENE.

The committee appointed in October last by the Sanitary Board on the subject of public health propaganda, recommends that the Government offer prizes in schools for essays on hygiene and facilitate the teaching of hygiene in Government schools by the provision of qualified lecturers.

These recommendations were made public by Mrs. G. R. Sayer, who presided at the fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday afternoon. Others present were the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy (Director of Public Works), the Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington (Director of Medical and Sanitary Services), the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Messrs. M. K. Lo, T. N. Chau, Wong Kwong-tin and J. Watson (Secretary).

Referring to the report of the Committee on the subject of general health propaganda, the Chairman mentioned that the committee had been appointed in October last and in their report, it was recommended that prizes for essays on hygiene in Government schools be presented while the Government were asked to facilitate the teaching of hygiene in the schools by providing qualified lecturers.

The Chairman pointed out that instructions in hygiene were given in all Government schools on material provided by the Medical Officer of Health. By passing on the committee's recommendation to the Director of Education, the Board would be doing nothing more than endorsing what was already being done.

In speaking of general health propaganda, the chairman mentioned the reorganisation of the Health Board.

Hon. Dr. Wellington added that there were two Medical Officers of Health and two nurses engaged in the work which the committee had recommended.

The Hon. Mr. Braga asked whether the committee's recommendation applied only to Government schools or whether they included the grant-in-aid schools.

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Witness said that he went on the following Thursday to see Wong Lai-woo who said that his nephew had struck and cut him.

Witness rebuked him and asked why he did not say that before, and the injured man replied that it was because he was in too great a pain at the time.

Referring to the reorganisation of the Health Board, Hon. Mr. Braga suggested the Government should place more reliance on the members of the Sanitary Board.

After some discussion an amendment by Dr. Koch, that if the committee were not unanimous and if the committee declined to grant a licence the matter should be referred to the Board, was carried.

Dr. Koch opposed permission to the erection of a native type water closet on Inland Lot No. 2979 on which a garage had been built.

He pointed out that the premises were only for keeping cars and were not provided with sleeping accommodation while within a short distance there was a public latrine.

The application was refused by the Board.

COMMUNIST BAND OF BRIGANDS.

FUNDS FROM THIRD INTERNATIONAL?

Shanghai, May 13. News from Changsha states that Communist bandits, from 5,000 to 6,000 strong, are reported to have captured Pingjiang, in north-east Hunan, on May 6, and massacred many of the inhabitants and fired the city.

General Ho Chien sent troops to Pingjiang, and a severe battle followed, in which it is claimed the Communists suffered a thousand casualties.

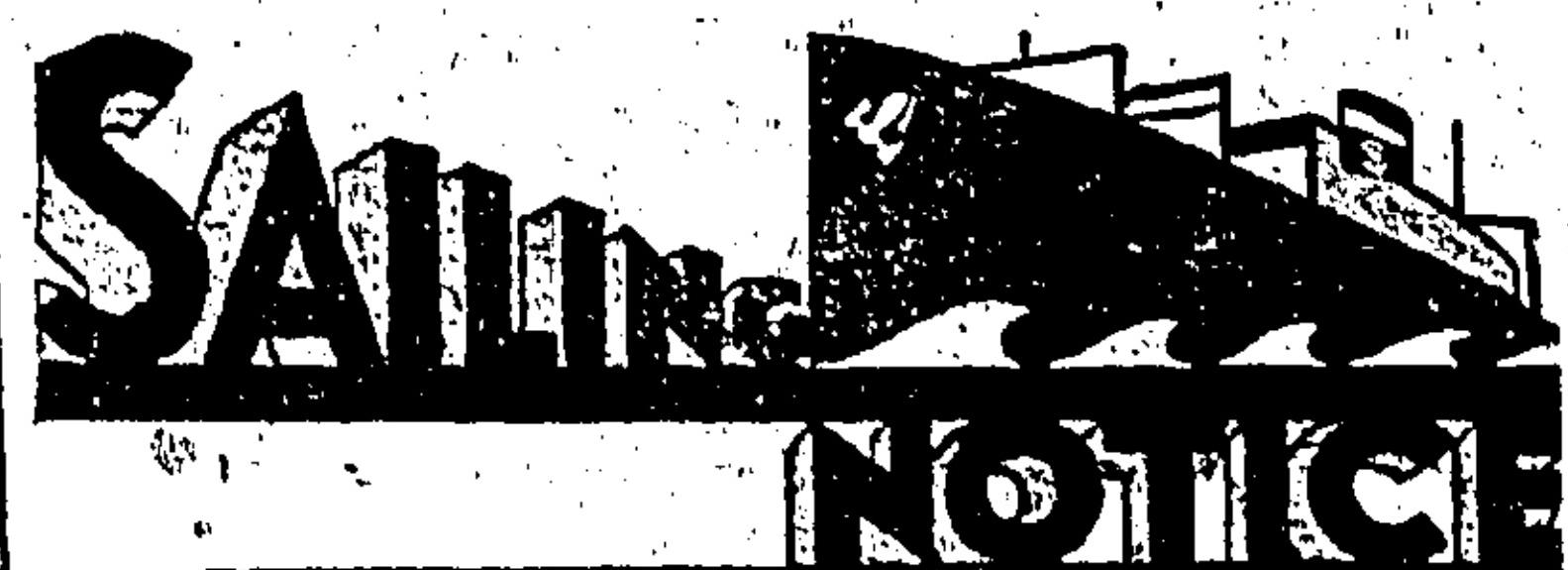
The bandits then left for Hupeh, and seized Tungchow.

The report states that five or six Russians are with the band, and are receiving funds from the Third International.—Reuters.

Fourteen Red Armies.

Shanghai, May 13. The weekly newspaper, Finance and Commerce, in an article on "The Red Menace in China," publishes a list of fourteen distinct Red Armies, totalling 45,000 troops, which are ravaging Central and South China.

They are mostly well-equipped with field, guns and machine guns. The Government is unable to suppress them at present pending the outcome of the struggle against the Northerners.—Reuters.



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C.P.R. COMPANY'S LOSSES.

STOWAWAYS ORDERED TO PAY COMPENSATION.

POINT DECIDED.

There being no authority for a Magistrate to order a stowaway to reimburse the agents of a ship for the loss suffered, Mr. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, adopted the alternative course of awarding the Canadian Pacific Railway Company compensation against seven Chinese who had attempted to evade payment in travelling from Hongkong to Manila on Thursday last.

The men were before Mr. Whyte Smith yesterday, when Mr. King, master-at-arms, applied for an order that the defendants, who had a large sum of money on them, to pay the agents of the Empress of Canada, on which ship they were found, the fares to Manila.

His Worship pointed out that he had no authority to make such an order, but adjourned the case for the prosecution to consult the law officers on the point.

When the case was mentioned this morning, Sergeant Clark said that he had been the Public Prosecutor, who held the same view as his Worship. He could not find any authority which entitled his Worship to utilise the money found on the defendants to pay their passages.

Position Clear.

His Worship pointed out that the position was quite clear. As an example he said that if one of the defendants had \$25 in his pocket, the Magistrate could say that money was to be taken and his fine paid, but what he could not do was to say that \$25 was to be taken and paid over to the C.P.R. The point was that he could make an order that the defendants pay any compensation up to \$100 to anybody who had suffered loss, and in this case the C.P.R. had sustained loss. Whether that compensation was paid or not, even if the men had money in their possession, he could not make an order that the C.P.R. be paid.

His Worship added that he did not suppose it would be any good for him to make an order for compensation, as he did not think the defendants would pay.

Mr. King suggested that the defendants be asked if they were willing to pay for their passages.

Accused's Money.

In reply to his Worship, Sergeant Clark said that six of the men had \$100 each, while the seventh had nothing.

Mr. King intimated that the fare to Manila was \$15 gold.

His Worship said that that was the fare, but he could not say that the C.P.R. had suffered loss to that amount.

Mr. King replied that the men had had to be vaccinated and had to be taken to Manila and then brought back to Hongkong again.

His Worship made an order for each defendant to pay the C.P.R. \$25 compensation, or, in default, undergo three weeks' hard labour, with an additional fine of \$25, or another three weeks' hard labour. If part of the money be paid, it should go to the C.P.R. first.

FEW TOW-BOATS ON WEST RIVER.

FEAR OF COMMANDEREEING BY MILITARY.

As a result of the hostilities between Kwangtung and Kwangsi, traffic of tow-boats on the West River is at a minimum, and, for the last week or so, only small craft have been seen on the River.

The master of a vessel on the Hongkong-Kongmoon run informed a Telegraph representative this morning that when his vessel was on her way to Kaukong from Kongmoon and back, not a single tow-boat was to be seen, whereas any number of them could be seen moving up and down the river normally.

The reason for this state of affairs, it is stated, is that all tow-boats of good prize have been commandeered by the authorities to convey troops to Kwangsi, with the result that those which have not been taken by the authorities are now in hiding.

JAPANESE DIET.

SPECIAL SESSION ENDS ITS BUSINESS.

Tokyo, May 13. After passing all the Government Bills, the business of the special Session of the Diet ended to-night. The formal closing of the Session will be on Wednesday, Router.

ARMED LAUNCH MORTGAGED.

ADJOURNMENT NOT GRANTED.

TIME WANTED TO PREPARE DEFENCE.

NOT REPRESENTED.

An application by defendant for another adjournment in the case concerning the alleged fraudulent mortgage of a launch to Dr. Basto, was refused by the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp) when the action was resumed in the Supreme Court this morning.

His Lordship commented that he was reluctant to shut out a defence but intimated that he might later adjourn the case should very strong grounds for doing so appear.

The plaintiff is Chan Wo-po, porcelain dealer, of No. 64, Bonham Strand West, and on behalf of himself and all other partners in the Po On Company of Canton, he sues Mak Chung-loong (allegedly falsely calling himself Ng Shing), No. 174, Reclamation Street. A second defendant named is Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto, ophthalmic surgeon of Exchange Building, but plaintiff has agreed to a settlement of the case against him, the terms of which have already been published.

Plaintiff alleges that by an indenture of mortgage dated February 9, 1929, first defendant, fraudulently purported to assign the launch to Mr. Basto. The first defendant has not and never had any right of property in the launch and no property in the launch passed to Mr. Basto by virtue of the mortgage.

Claim Amended.

Defendants refused and still refuse to deliver the launch in consequence of which plaintiff's claim (1) a declaration that the launch is their property and that no right or interest in it passed to Mr. Basto under the mortgage; (2) the return of the launch, together with all documents of title, licences, permits and all other documents concerning the boat; (3) damages for detention of the launch and documents.

This morning the claim was amended to make it read as subject to the mortgage of Dr. Basto.

Defendant said that since the last adjournment he had been to the country for the purpose of raising funds with which to pay for legal advice. He arrived back yesterday and consulted solicitor in Hongkong who told him that the time was too short to prepare a defence. Defendant therefore asked for an adjournment for two weeks in order to enable his solicitor to prepare a defence.

In opposing the application, Mr. Sheldon pointed out that the statement of claim was filed on June 7, 1929, nearly a year ago. Defendant had ample time to take any steps he liked. He had not filed a defence. Also all plaintiff's witnesses were from Canton. Defendant was accused of a fraud in the statement of claim which was clearly a very serious matter. That accusation was dealt with at the Sessions nearly a year ago and if he had seriously wanted to defend the present case he would have done so.

Long Time Elapses.

Addressing defendant, his Lordship pointed out that he (defendant) had allowed a long time to elapse, from June last year, and had not taken any steps in the matter. The adjournment on the last occasion was for the plaintiff to have time to produce his witnesses from Canton. Those witnesses had come to Hongkong at the expense of money and time. If an adjournment was granted, it would only be granted on defendant's paying all the extra costs.

Mr. Sheldon pointed out that at the last hearing his Lordship allowed defendant to speak, which was a very generous concession as he had no right to speak then. Counsel said he supposed the reason was that defendant was not legally represented.

His Lordship commented that he was very reluctant to shut out a defence.

Counsel replied he felt it was very unpleasant for counsel to appear against a man who was not represented and that was the reason why he did not oppose the liberty extended to defendant in his being permitted to speak. Counsel added that he did strongly oppose another adjournment.

Hearing Proceeds.

Replying to his Lordship, defendant said that he had evidence in addition to his own but his witnesses were not present as all the time had been spent collecting them in the country.

His Lordship:—Why did you not take steps before and why did you wait until the last adjourn-

MOSQUITO POOLS NUISANCE.

CONTRACTOR FINED FOR ALLOWING BREEDING.

NOT ON HIS LAND.

Confronted with a rather unusual situation, Mr. A. K. Taylor, Senior Sanitary Inspector of Kowloon, admitted before Mr. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, that it was difficult to prove charge brought against a contractor of 57, Aplia Street for allowing mosquitoes to breed on land which did not belong to him.

Mr. Taylor said it was a rather difficult case. The breeding of the mosquitoes was a fault of the defendant, although the land did not belong to him. He was building a house in the district and adjoining his site was a vacant piece of ground belonging to someone else, but the defendant had left building material on the land, thus making it impossible for the sun to dry up pools of water in which mosquitoes were breeding. The defendant was actually responsible for the nuisance.

After hearing the evidence and referring to the Ordinance, His Worship registered a conviction and imposed a fine of \$25.

In another case the owner of a plot of reclaimed land at Lai-chi-kok was fined \$40 for allowing mosquitoes to breed. It was stated that complaints had been received from the Prison. A fine of \$25 had been imposed on the defendant last year for a similar offence.

ment?—I left the matter entirely in the hands of Mr. Remedios before the last hearing because he was my solicitor and was looking after my interests in respect of this case but he apparently had not done anything for me.

In connexion with this statement, his Lordship later remarked that that might suggest Mr. Remedios ought to have done something. There was probably a very good reason why he did not do what defendant said was true.

Mr. Sheldon agreed and said that Mr. Remedios would be a witness for the plaintiff.

His Lordship:—Well, I will proceed with the hearing of the case. Should there, at any time, appear very strong grounds, I may possibly grant an adjournment later but I am not prepared to do so at the moment.

Mr. Sheldon then opened plaintiff's case, stating that an armed launch was bought for the purpose of conveying cargoes of porcelain between Swatow and Canton via Hongkong and that it was necessary to have arms in Hongkong to deal with arms licences and customs permits locally, in order to allow the launch to enter and leave Hongkong harbour. For this purpose the defendant, who was the launch master's grand-nephew, was engaged and was paid a salary of \$30 a month.

Launch Mortgaged.

That arrangement was made by the then manager of the Po On Company, Ng Shing, who gave to defendant a power of attorney to deal with all matters relating to the launch. Ng Shing had since died and the present plaintiff now occupied the position vacated.

On January 25, 1929, a letter was received from defendant asking for a loan of \$120, with which to prosecute some people with whom he had quarrelled but this was refused, because on January 12 the sum of \$150 had been paid to defendant, an advance of \$100 and \$50 to the chief engineer of the launch. On January 26, the launch was at Hongkong and the crew were given New Year's leave. They left the boat for Canton while defendant remained in Hongkong with the launch.

In consequence of information, the master and two partners of plaintiff company visited Hongkong but instead of the original crew found two Indian watchmen had been installed. It subsequently transpired that on February 9 the launch had been mortgaged to Dr. Basto in the office of Mr. Remedios by defendant as Ng Shing who had received \$3,000 from Dr. Basto.

Counsel added the matter was of such great importance to plaintiff because if a boat with arms fell into other people's hands and committed any acts such as piracy the licensees were held responsible by the Canton Government and were liable to severe penalties. The name of the plaintiff company was still on the Canton record as the owner of the launch.

Mr. Sheldon explained that damages claimed were the difference between the value of the launch originally, \$3,000, and the mortgage money, \$3,000, leaving \$6,000, plus the expenses of hiring another launch, \$3,600.

The case is proceeding.

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